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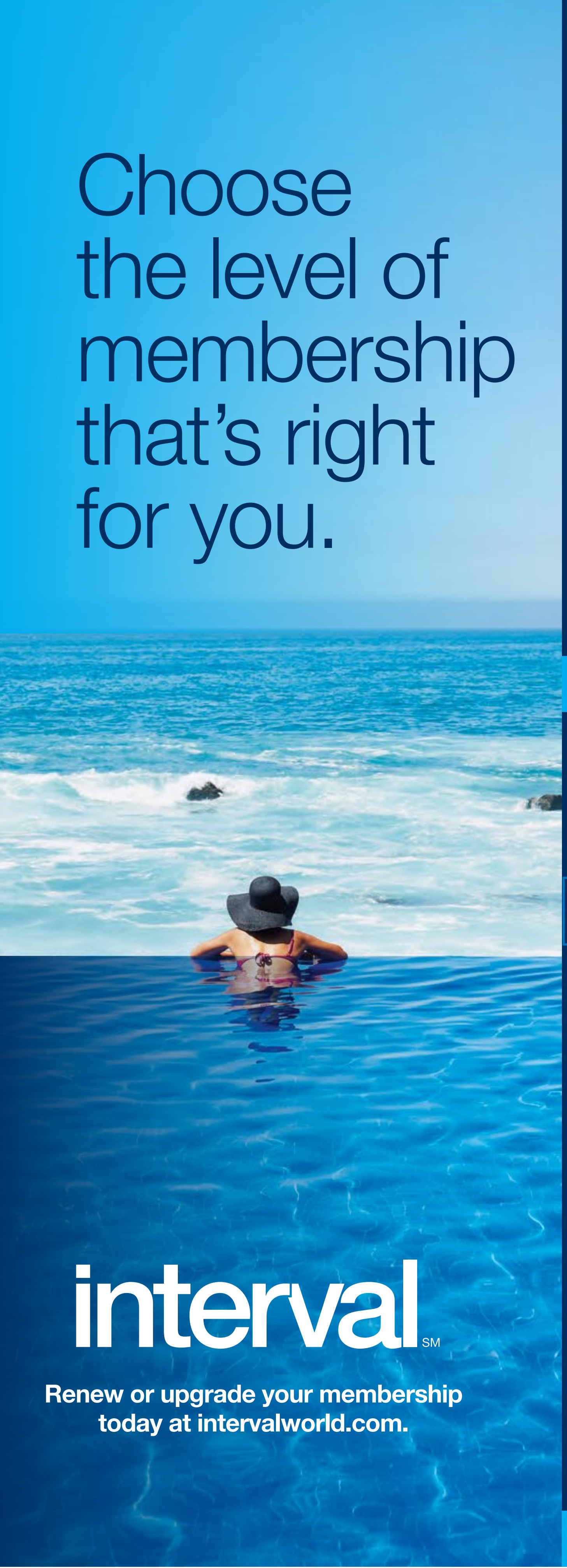

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From providing a quick look at an upcoming schedule (public transportation, nightly entertainment, and so on) to standing in for a physical restaurant menu, the convenience of "scan and go" technology is undeniable. That was the inspiration for this "quick response" magazine page, from which you can simply scan the QR codes below and jump to a host of Interval's best digital spaces.

**Check out these informative resources when you're ready to start planning your next Interval vacation.**

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**Hometown:** Toano, Virginia | **Favorite Vacation Spot:** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
**Top Interval Memory:** A weeklong retreat to Cabo, driving all-terrain vehicles in the desert, sailing to El Arco, and savoring local cuisine
**Recent Interval Vacations:** Cancún, Mexico; Dominican Republic

**Why we love Interval:** As active-duty members of the U.S. Army, we celebrate 'Chrisbirthtine' to catch up on holidays we miss. Interval lets us turn our points into much-needed together time.

Lydia and Joel Thornton on a couples escape to Cancún.

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**Dear Interval Members,**

I've been editing and writing for *Interval World* magazine for more than two decades. That's a long time to do anything, but I love to travel, and I love magazines, so it's been a nice match.

This issue in particular was a lot of fun because it was time to update the design. Some changes are subtle (less copy), others are more obvious (bigger pictures!), but they all help make the pages more inviting and easier to "get into."

Word counts and color palettes, of course, are secondary to the actual message, and while we're proud of this issue's new look, we're even more excited about its travel content. **Five great destination stories cover a range of vacation interests, from the beach to the mountains and historic sightseeing to lake living**. Savvy readers will want to turn straight to page 62 for a collection of unbeatable **Getaway offers, including weeklong stays around Daytona Beach starting at $487 and in the Phoenix area from $387**.

You'll also find helpful information about exchanging, some suggestions for where to find a good cocktail or your own little slice of Zen during an upcoming trip, cool stories from fellow Interval members, and a lot of other material that, if you're anything like me, will spark daydreams about future vacations.

Enjoy!

J.B. Bissell
MANAGING EDITOR

**COVER:** Puerto Morelos' uncrowded beaches are ideal for a peaceful stroll along the water's edge.

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# **Start Here:** What Kind of Vacation Are You Looking For?

Your **Interval membership** is much more than exchanges. Follow this decision tree to see how you can take advantage of your benefits no matter what sort of travel plans you're making.

## A

**I'm all about resort accommodations!**

→

But you know what …
I want to go somewhere different.

**Exchange**

OR

**I don't want to exchange — and I might not be able to stay all seven nights.**

**Getaways**

## B

It's been a long year. I want to get out there, see some sights, have a good time, but I don't really want to have to plan it all.

**Makes sense. Are you partial to seagoing sights, or do you prefer your good times planted on terra firma?**

→

I say, "Ahoy, matey!"

**Cruises**

OR

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## C

A long weekend in the city — or maybe the countryside — with no agenda. That's as far as I've gotten.

**Understood. Let's start with lodging …**

→

I just need a simple place to get some shut-eye when I'm not out and about.

**Hotels**

OR

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# Back to Basics

## Need a brief refresher on exchange?

This quick cheat sheet should help.

### ① Maximize Your Week's Flexibility and Trading Power:

**A** | **USE DEPOSIT FIRST.** This gives you up to four years — up to two years before to two years after your home resort week's check-in date — to travel.

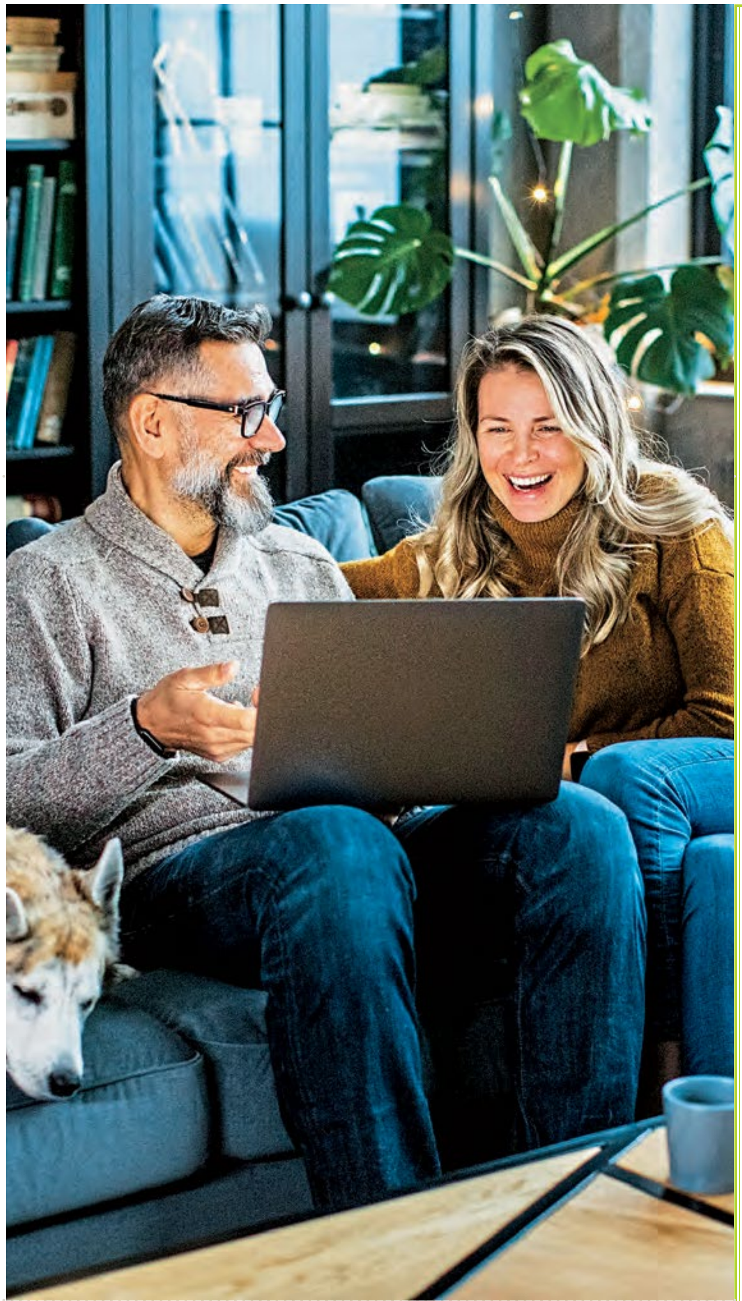
**B** | The sooner your week is deposited, the more valuable it is in the exchange system. That translates to more trading power for you.

**C** | **PLACE A REQUEST.** After depositing, pick when and where you want to travel, and Interval will do the searching for you. **Pro tip:** When new weeks enter the system, they're assigned to any corresponding exchange requests before instant confirmations, which is why placing your request is so important.

### ② Keep Your Home Resort Week or Points Until You Receive a Confirmation:

**A** | **USE REQUEST FIRST.** You can place an exchange request up to two years before your home resort week's check-in date. If you don't receive a confirmation, your home resort remains available.

**B** | Points-based members use Request First for exchanges.



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These exchange add-ons give you even more travel flexibility.

**E-PLUS** makes it possible to retrade your confirmed exchange for another resort or travel date up to three times for a low, one-time fee. Just remember to purchase E-Plus® within five days of receiving your exchange confirmation.

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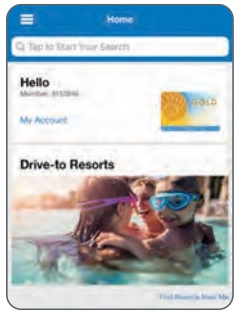
**GUEST CERTIFICATES** provide the opportunity to give your confirmed exchange to family or friends. Plus, Guest Certificates are available for Getaways, and Interval Platinum members get up to five free per membership year.

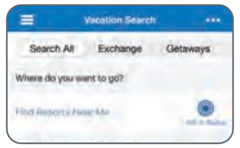
**UNIT-SIZE UPGRADES** can be helpful when you're looking for a little extra resort space. Watch for upgrades that are available for purchase when you make a full-week exchange.

## TO GO — On a Road Trip

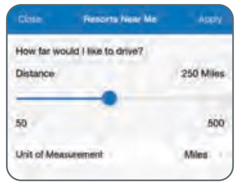
**Road trips are enjoying a bit of a renaissance.** People are eager to travel, but many families are choosing to do so closer to home. And that's where the latest update to the Interval International To Go app comes in handy.



Look right on the home screen for the new **Drive-to Resorts** feature to plan your next nearby vacation.



On the Vacation Search screen, click **Find Resorts Near Me** to quickly pinpoint available resorts that are within an easy drive of your current location.



Distance 250 Miles

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The search radius is adjustable from **50 to 500 miles**, so you even get to decide just how easy of a drive you'd like.

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## Online Fraud Protection Update

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**September** 2021's winners are Curtis and Beverly Huckins of Orange, California.
**October** 2021's winner is Cheryl Dawson of Florence, Kentucky.
**November** 2021's winners are Brett and Christa Schnell of Elk River, Minnesota.
**December** 2021's winners are Charles and Maria Senior of Naples, Florida.
**January** 2022's winners are Aurelio and Miriam Valcarcel of Miami, Florida.
**February** 2022's winners are Raymond and Jane Cronk of Geneva, Nebraska.
**March** 2022's winners are David and Deborah Brown of Hillside, New Jersey.
**April** 2022's winners are Robert and Marcia Rinaldi of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE LATEST HAPPENINGS AT VARIOUS INTERVAL DESTINATIONS.

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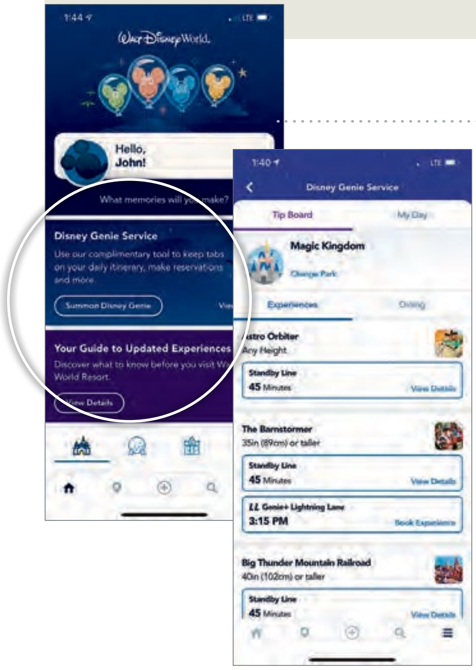
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## GATLINBURG AND PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE

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## FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS AND RADIUM HOT SPRINGS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Shop Local This Summer

Visitors are bound to love the weekly farmers markets that flower the Columbia Valley in the summertime. To sample some of the freshest honey around, head to **Radium Hot Springs' Market on Main**, held on Friday nights. Local produce is the highlight of the Saturday morning **Invermere Farmers & Artists Market** — arguably the area's most popular bazaar. And on Sunday mornings, check out the **Fairmont Farmer's & Artisan Market**, known for its priority of up-and-coming cultivators and creators. Whether you fancy fresh veggies or crave carefully crafted jewelry, these outdoor venues provide ample opportunities for retail therapy.

## PALM SPRINGS AND PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

### Hot New Restaurants

While the pandemic was tough for many eateries, it struck inspiration for restaurateurs in Palm Springs. The new **1501 Uptown Gastropub** is a hub of delectable pub fare, peak patio ambiance (that seats up to 150), and premier service. **Bar Cecil** is a maximalist's dream that pays homage to the photographer Cecil Beaton with its vibrant decor and eclectic eats. For pet owners who can't stand to leave their pooch at home — or travelers who just love dogs — **Boozehounds** is the place. The dog-friendly establishment has an extensive menu featuring cocktails, brunch, dinner, and even some choice entrees for pups.

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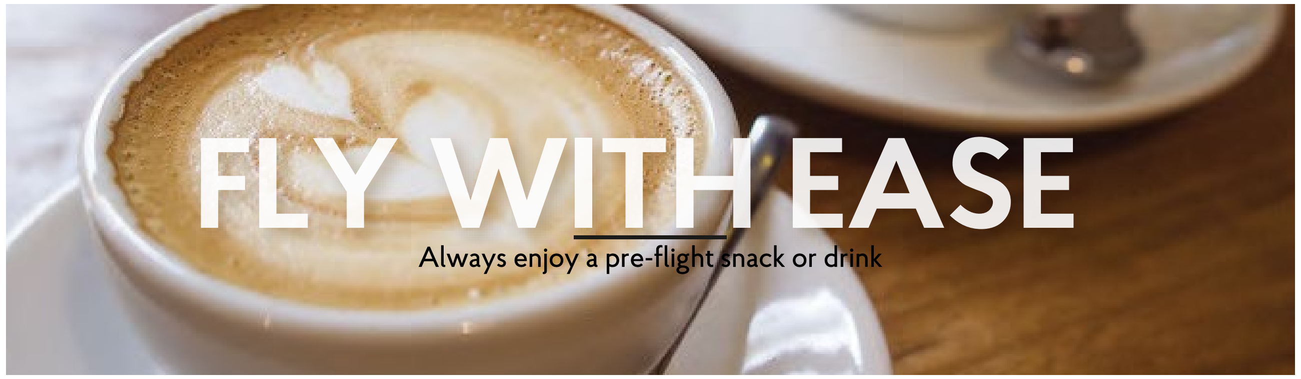

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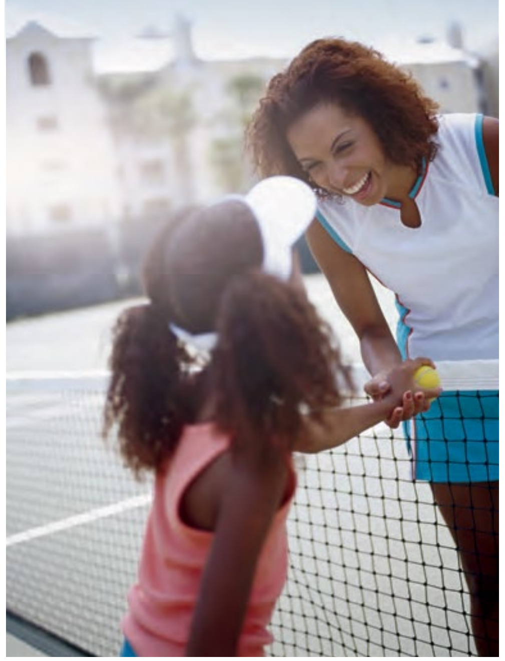

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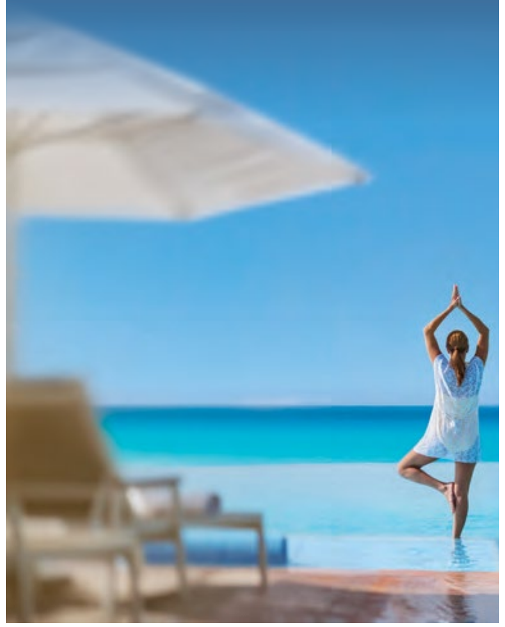

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A cold beer is reliably refreshing, hard seltzers are trendy, and a glass of wine is classic. Sometimes, though, sipping a spirited masterpiece — a glassful of liquid art handcrafted by a mixologist — is the only way to quench your particular thirst.

Park City
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An expertly crafted cocktail, with the right blend of chemistry, creativity, and culinary presence, is something to savor. Pair it with friends, family, good food, and conversation, and you have the perfect complement to the rest of your leisure pursuits.

While you probably won't plan your entire trip around cocktails and the places to enjoy them, it's always fun to experience some of the local flavor. So if you love a top-shelf highball or a twist on the classics made with one of the five main spirits — whiskey, gin, tequila, rum, and vodka — here are sip-worthy options you can order for your next round, in locations near Interval resorts.

### Whisk Away to Park City

Park City, Utah, emerged as an unlikely whiskey hotbed in 2006, when former biochemist David Perkins and his wife founded High West Distillery, the state's first such legal operation since 1870. Aficionados should check out High West Saloon in Old Town. Its bartop is composed of wood from a railroad trestle, and its double-rye cocktails range from the Old Fashioned Old Fashioned (a classic, as the name suggests) to Parley's Pick Up, with amontillado sherry, banana liqueur, crème de cacao, cold-brew coffee, cinnamon simple syrup, and chocolate bitters.

Another local operation, Alpine Distilling, features creative liquid combinations at its Alpine Pie Bar, such as Fair Hair Child (whiskey, ginger, grapefruit, lemon, honey syrup, and egg whites) and the Paper Plane (spiced bourbon, Aperol, amaro, and lemon).

Want an Old-Fashioned with a twist? Blind Dog mixes apple brandy and chocolate bitters into its Old Fashioned Revolution.

### Get Ginny With It in New Orleans

Long reputed for its cocktails, New Orleans serves up two iconic gin drinks: the Ramos Fizz and Pimm's Cup.

Named after New Orleanian Henry Charles Ramos, the frothy namesake libation concocted in 1888 includes gin, citrus, orange flower water, egg whites, club soda, and cream. Interestingly, Ramos' original recipe called for the drink to be vigorously shaken for at least 12 minutes before served. Order it at The Sazerac Bar at The Roosevelt Hotel, an institution that hearkens back to the grandeur of old New Orleans.

Pimm's Cup, created by London barkeep James Pimm around 1840, has become a Big Easy staple (especially during the summer months) because the low-alcohol beverage is light and refreshing. Its primary ingredient is Pimm's No. 1, a liqueur made from gin infused with herbal botanicals, caramelized orange, and warm spices.

The elixir's other elements are usually lemonade and either 7UP or Sprite, although, some mixologists use cucumber slices or fruit such as strawberries and apples. Pair a Pimm's Cup with a muffuletta sandwich at Napoleon House — a French Quarter landmark more than two centuries old — where the drink made its mark in the late 1940s.

Another classic, the French 75 — originally consisting of gin, lemon juice, simple syrup, and sparkling wine — is often made with cognac these days, but you can find the original version at Double Dealer, a speakeasy hidden beneath the historic Orpheum Theater.

### Toast With Tequila in Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlán

Mexico is the only place tequila can legally be made, due in part to the fact that in 1974 the Mexican government declared the term "tequila" as intellectual property.

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## Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
### PALOMA

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces tequila
- 1/2 ounce lime juice, freshly squeezed
- Grapefruit soda, chilled
- Grapefruit wheel
- Cocktail salt (optional)

**Instructions**
1. Use squeezed lime wedge to coat the rim of your favorite cocktail glass. Dip in salt if desired.
2. Pour tequila and lime juice in the glass. Add ice.
3. Top with grapefruit soda, and stir.
4. Garnish with a grapefruit wheel.

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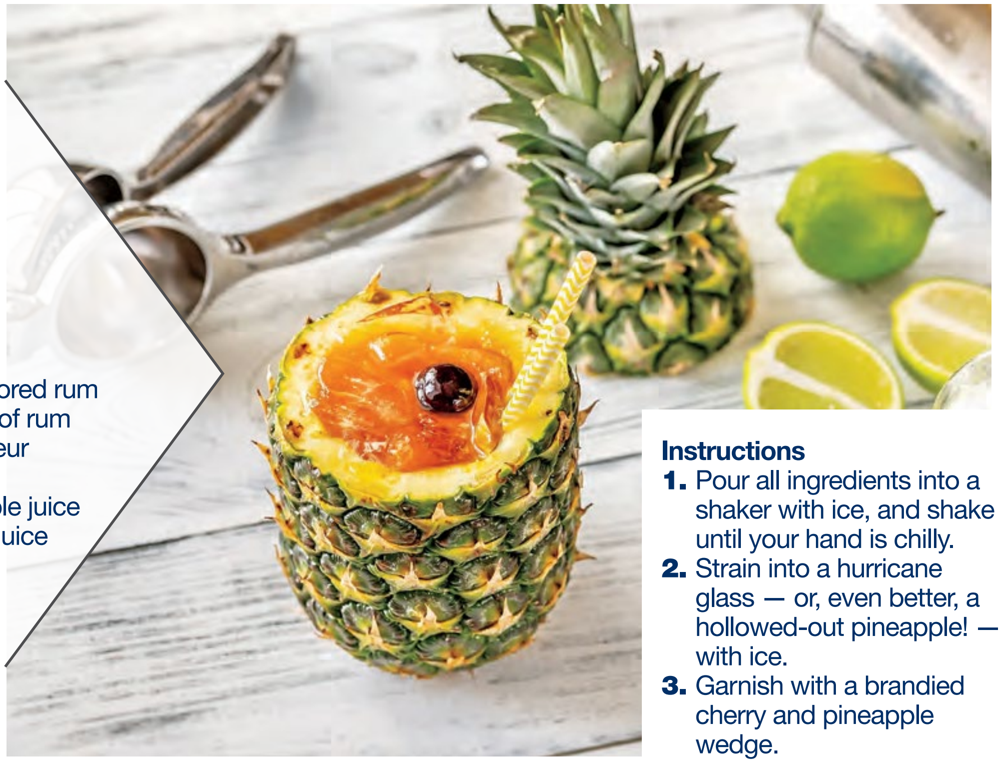
## Freeport, Bahamas

### BAHAMA MAMA



**Ingredients**

- 1 ounce coconut-flavored rum
- 1 ounce dark overproof rum
- 1/2 ounce coffee liqueur
- 3/4 ounce lime juice
- 1 1/2 ounces pineapple juice
- 1 1/2 ounces orange juice
- Brandied cherry
- Pineapple wedge

**Instructions**

1. Pour all ingredients into a shaker with ice, and shake until your hand is chilly.
2. Strain into a hurricane glass — or, even better, a hollowed-out pineapple! — with ice.
3. Garnish with a brandied cherry and pineapple wedge.

Obviously, then, a stay in Puerto Vallarta — which is located in the same state (Jalisco) as the town of Tequila — or Mazatlán calls for tequila-based cocktails. Start with a paloma, possibly the country's most popular mixed drink. Consisting of tequila, grapefruit soda (think Squirt, Fresca, or Mexican-made Jarritos), and lime, the paloma is a perfect summer drink and less sweet than most margaritas.

Try a *chavela*, too. It's made with Mexican beer, tomato juice, and hot sauce — and typically a shot of good tequila on the side. Or opt for a twist on tradition with a bloody maria or Mexican mule, familiar beverages in which the standard vodka is exchanged for tequila.

For some culture with your cocktails, head to Edgar's Bar and Cantina in Centro Histórico. It's been around since 1949 and features historic photos of Mazatlán on its walls. El Muchacho Alegre, where you can enjoy ocean views from the patio, is another great option.

> **THIS SMALL COASTAL TOWN IN South Carolina LAYS CLAIM TO THE HILTON HEAD DISTILLERY, WHICH MANUFACTURES "CLOUD-SOURCED VODKA."**

### Make a Run for the Rum in Freeport

The original Bahama Mama, Dottie Lee Anderson (when not onstage) was a calypso singer and dancer who performed in the Bahamas and around the Caribbean in the 1930s. The colorful, fruity rum cocktail, believed to be named after her, became popular two decades later and is now one of the signature drinks of Freeport and the rest of the namesake islands. Made from coconut rum, dark rum, and sometimes even a third type of rum, it includes orange juice, pineapple juice, and either a coffee liqueur or grenadine.

Rum is the world's oldest commercially produced spirit and the foundation of most umbrella drinks savored throughout the area, including mojitos and daiquiris. Bask in the sea breeze and enjoy a sunset while you sip a Bahama Mama or Rum Fashioned at The Stoned Crab right on Taino Beach.

The distastefully named but delicious Alien Urine Sample (coconut rum, banana rum, peach schnapps, melon liqueur, blue curaçao, sweet and sour, and soda water) is a must-try specialty at Rum Runners GBI. Or sample one of the bar's 15 silver-rum mojitos or 12 daiquiris (served in a coconut shell upon request). Bones Bar features Havana Club 7 rum (aged for seven years in charred white oak barrels and made in Cuba) with fresh orange and lime in its Cubarihina.

### Sip Heavenly Vodka on Hilton Head Island

This small coastal town in South Carolina lays claim to the Hilton Head Distillery, which manufactures "cloud-sourced vodka."

The sky-high idea for Hilton Head Distillery's Aermoor Vodka came to owner Joe Fenten, an engineer by trade, when he observed a dense cloud layer gathering above him while fishing. After some brainstorming, he designed an Atmospheric Water Generator to help capture the natural moisture from the clouds and produce pure alkaline water, which gives Aermoor what the distillery deems "its signature silky texture and uniquely smooth flavor."

Carolina Crab Company mixes Aermoor with grape and lime juices and ginger beer to make its Helmsman Mule, while Watusi Cafe pairs it with fresh lime juice and watermelon simple syrup to produce its refreshing Watermelon Limeade.

Hilton Head Island is a haven for bloody mary lovers, too. Skull Creek Boathouse's Hell Fire Bloody Mary features jalapeño- and habanero-infused vodka. But the real treats can be found at The Old Oyster Factory and The Crazy Crab, where the signature bloodies are topped with shrimp and served in an Old Bay–rimmed glass. ■

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By Sophie Cole

REVITALIZE AND RECONNECT WITH NATURE AT JAPANESE ZEN GARDENS AND OUTDOOR SCULPTURE PARKS.

# Paths to **Peace**

We could all do with a little more serenity in our lives. However, carving out time and space where we focus on “less doing, more being” can be difficult, even when on vacation. Cue: Zen gardens. Promising fresh air, nature’s beauty, and time to “just be” — after all, we’re only human “beings” — these serene spaces are a refreshing tonic to the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives.

Originating in Japan and essentially minimalist landscapes featuring raw elements of rock, gravel, and sand, Japanese Zen gardens were the creations of Buddhist monks who wanted space to clear their minds. These calm, peaceful outdoor meditation areas represent emptiness, continuity, and infinity, free from disturbances. And you don’t need to travel to Asia to experience such serenity: Several variations of Zen gardens can be found right here in the U.S.

For an artsy twist, explore man-made wonders at sculpture parks, where installations create a vision of tranquility and inspiration. Check out the following five gardens and parks, all places where you can truly unwind during your next vacation.

The Fort Worth Japanese Garden’s pavilion deck is an ideal place to pause and contemplate the surrounding beauty.

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LEARN ABOUT THE ANCIENT “ART OF SUSTAINING A TREE IN A CONTAINER” AT MORIKAMI’S BONSAI COLLECTION.

## Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens

### DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA

Roji-en (Garden of the Drops of Dew) is a living exhibit comprising six Japanese gardens and is part of the Morikami Museum, which features a bonsai collection and a traditional tea house. The placid setting is a place for personal insight and inner discovery, where one can truly focus on the present moment while immersed in nature.

**Coolest Garden Feature:** Discover the ancient art of bonsai at the Dr. Ron and Arlene Kessler Bonsai Walk. Going against the grain, whereby plant life is often absent in Zen gardens, this section of the garden showcases an impressive collection of these potted and manicured miniature trees that symbolize Zen Buddhism and the simplicity and imperfection of the *wabi-sabi* aesthetic.

**Zen Hotspot:** Enjoy a meditative walk through the bamboo grove, wander along the pine-lined nature trails, or simply view the rock formations. Master garden designer Hoichi Kurisu’s intention was to offer a space where visitors could decompress, reflect on life, and leave feeling invigorated. There’s a quality of humanity in his work that goes beyond the aesthetics of the gardens — it’s a place for both the individual and collective well-being.

**Added Serenity:** The rustic Seishin-an Tea House is well worth a visit. Experience an authentic *cha-no-yu* or ritualized tea ceremony (on select Saturdays), meant to convey hospitality and encourage spiritual awakening. Omotesenke-style tea classes and workshops are also on offer.

## Japanese Friendship Garden

### SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

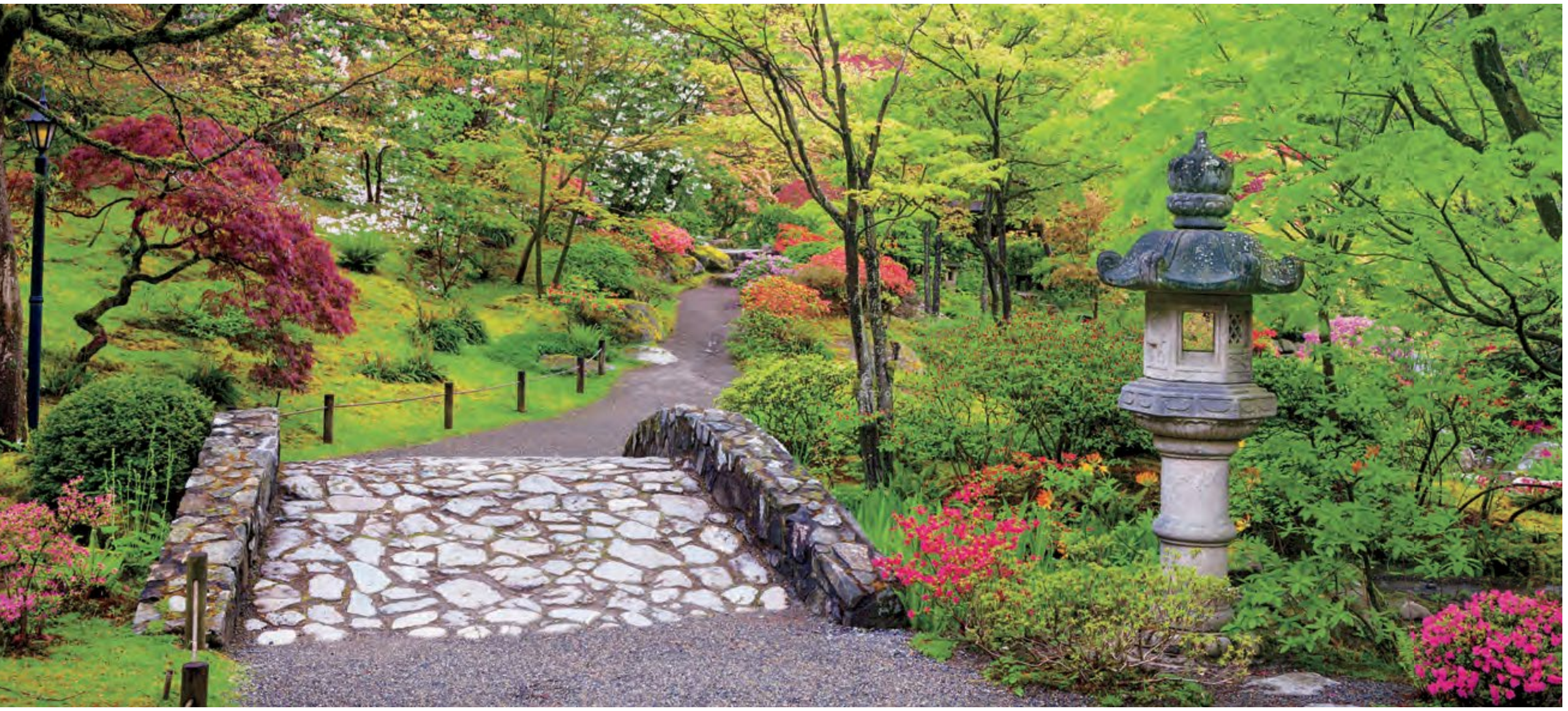
A beautiful gift offered to the community — and symbolizing the friendship between sister cities, San Diego and Yokohama — the 12-acre Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park represents two contrasting-yet-aligned cultures. This tranquil world is home to two koi ponds, a 200-tree cherry grove, *sukiya*-style buildings, a bonsai exhibit, black pine trees, and plants native to Japan and San Diego. The grounds strike the perfect balance between elegance and simplicity.

**Coolest Garden Feature:** Discover a vast array of flowers. Some species like the azalea and camellia bloom year-round, while other more delicate varieties such as the magnolia and star jasmine blossom during the summer months.

**Zen Hotspot:** Pause for a moment on one of the water bridges scattered around the garden and take in the views and peacefulness. The Maple Bridge is one of the best spots for photos and watching the colorful koi swim below the waterfall — there are 20 koi varieties living in the ponds.

**Added Serenity:** After a relaxing stroll amid the gardens, sip tea and refuel with Japanese specialties at the Tea Pavilion such as soba noodle salad, curry rice bowls, and udon noodle soup.

The koi in the upper pond at the Japanese Friendship Garden were born in Japan.



The Seattle Japanese Garden's quiet paths make it easy to tune out the bustle of the surrounding city.

### Seattle Japanese Garden

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

Sheltered within the Washington Park Arboretum, this urban garden is a quiet respite from the scuttle of downtown Seattle. Wander the winding path that traces the pond and feel a little lighter in both mind and body. This 3.5-acre stroll garden is an ode to the iconic Japanese landscapes, with their towering mountains, dense forests, and shimmering waters.

**Coolest Garden Feature:** The garden is the result of carefully selected elements that have integrated into the landscape over time: Japanese and endemic Pacific northwest vegetation coexist, and the granite rocks are sourced from the Cascades. Composed by renowned landscape designer Juki Iida, it was planned on the principle of *shizensa*, the essence of nature.

**Zen Hotspot:** Leisurely follow the curving pathways, and then take a seat at one of the park benches and tune into the subtle, unique details of the plants, stones, animals, and water. With the ever-changing seasons and passing of time, the nuances are noticeable, if you look closely.

**Added Serenity:** The art of tea ceremony can be experienced at Shoseian Tea house. Inspiring harmony, tranquility, and respect, and emphasizing purposeful reflection, this ancient practice plays an integral role in the architecture of these tea gardens. Enjoy a 40-minute tea presentation in the serene Roji garden space.

### Olympic Sculpture Park

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

Seattle is home to one of the largest Japanese populations in the U.S., so it makes sense that the Emerald City would have multiple Zen-centric hideaways where visitors can refocus. On the waterfront — less than 4 miles from the Seattle Japanese Garden — this 9-acre green space showcases monumental sculpture works and is the result, and winning design, of the Seattle Art Museum's international competition. It seamlessly integrates art and architecture with landscape design.

**Coolest Garden Feature:** A bright-red, 38-foot-tall sculpture called *The Eagle* is the centerpiece of the park. This striking stabile features curved lines and spiky edges, mirroring the art of origami. It also resembles an airplane with its wings ready for flight.

**Zen Hotspot:** Take a seat on one of the *Eye Benches I, II, III*, created by Louise Bourgeois. These granite-carved structures vary in size, form, and detail, and each has an air of surrealism while providing an up-close look at the surrounding scenery.

**Added Serenity:** Wander along the pedestrianized, Z-shaped landform and take in a multitude of contrasting views, from the Olympic mountains and train tracks to the city, port, and newly created beach.

**Some of these locations aren't the types of places you're used to reading about.** But right now, you can take advantage of special Getaway offers — or find deals on hotels through Interval Travel anytime — to visit these cities and zone out in the Zen gardens.

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The *Wake* installment at the Olympic Sculpture Park is thought to be an abstract depiction of tidal waves or even battleships.

**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE RESIDENT THREE WISE MONKEYS AT THE FORT WORTH JAPANESE GARDEN.**

### The Fort Worth Japanese Garden

**FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

Built in 1973 and located in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, this 7.5-acre Japanese masterpiece is home to a meditation garden, moon-viewing deck, bamboo, bridges, pagoda, and ponds with more than 1,200 koi fish.

**Coolest Garden Feature:** During the springtime, the grounds transform into a lush paradise: the cherry blossoms bloom and the magnolias flourish.

**Zen Hotspot:** There are two traditional waterless gardens reflecting the true essence of a Japanese Zen garden. The Karesansui Garden's flat-level landscape consists of 15 stones, carefully and thoughtfully arranged. The larger boulders symbolize the Rocky Mountains' terrain while the pebbles echo its surrounding valleys.

**Added Serenity:** The wooden entry tower sets a tranquil tone for your visit. Like a time portal, this grand, Japanese-style gateway, supported by a lopsided tree trunk, allows you to transition from everyday life into an outdoor Zen den. Walk through the doors and feel like you've been transported straight to Japan. ■

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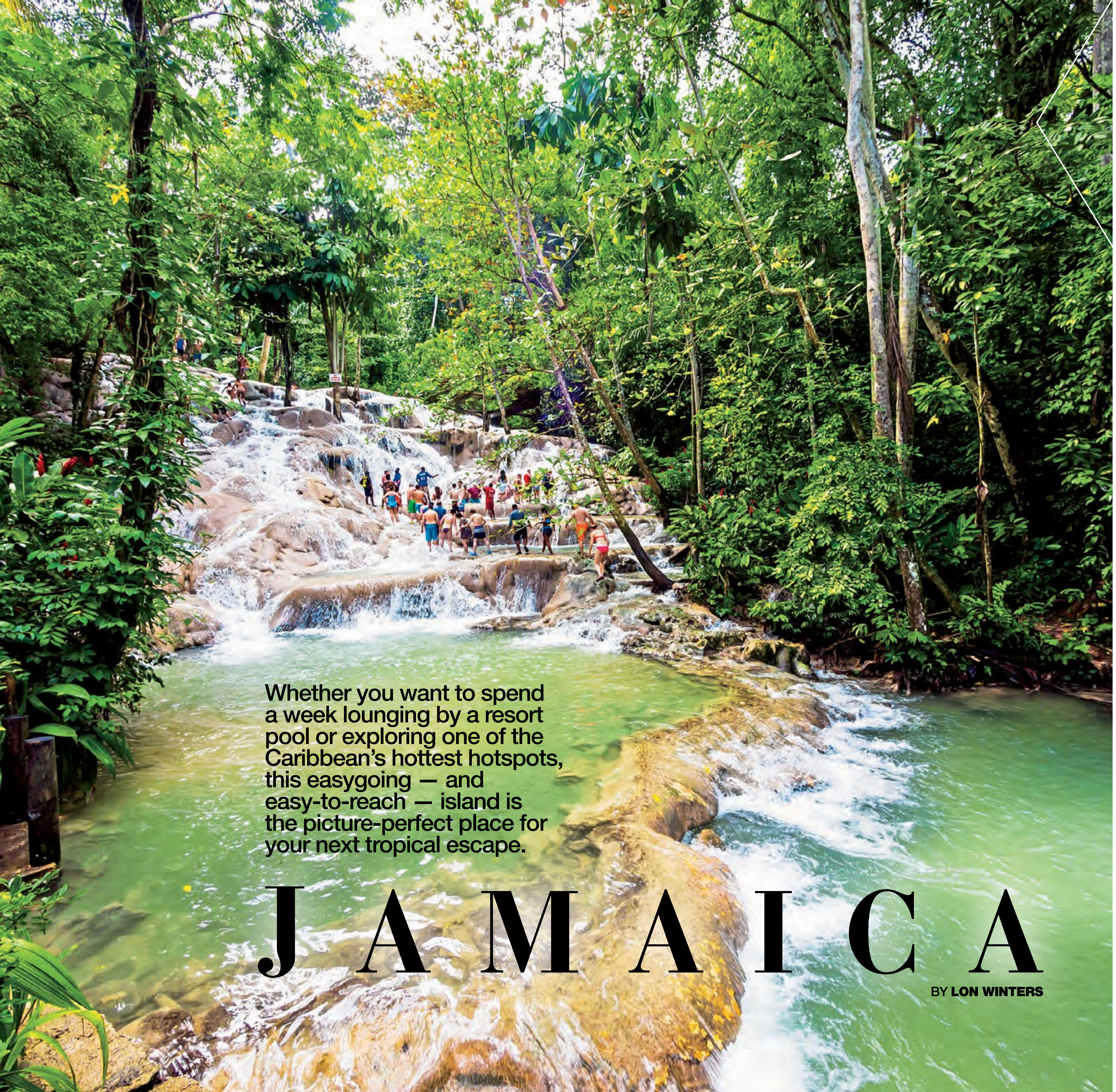
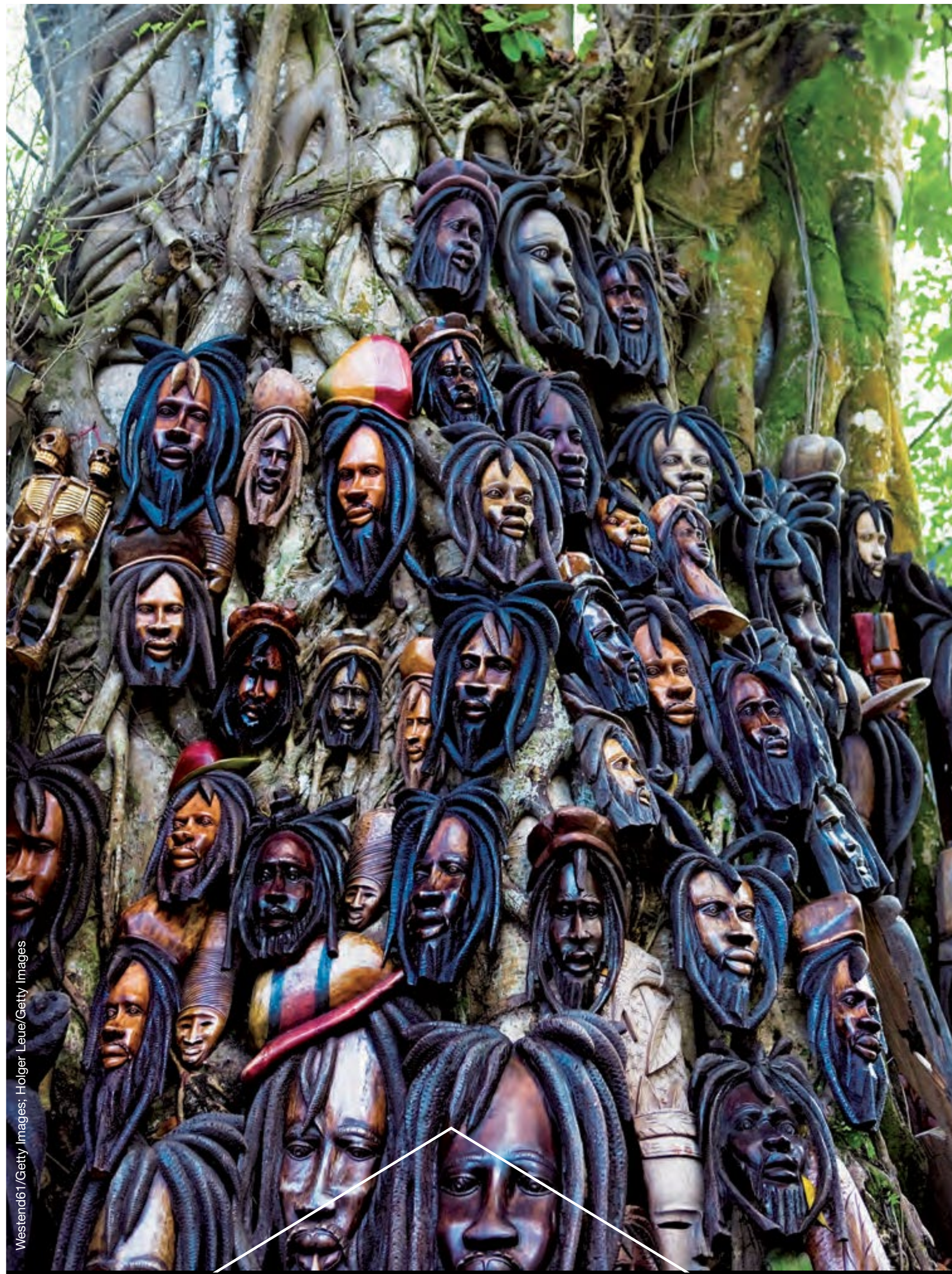


# JAMAICA

BY **LON WINTERS**

Whether you want to spend a week lounging by a resort pool or exploring one of the Caribbean's hottest hotspots, this easygoing — and easy-to-reach — island is the picture-perfect place for your next tropical escape.

**CHASING WATERFALLS**
On an island blessed with myriad stunning natural features, Dunn's River Falls, near Ocho Rios, is almost certainly the most striking. The stream slices through the emerald jungle, tumbling over stairstep travertine rock formations that resemble Jurassic-sized petrified mushrooms until the freshwater pours into the Caribbean Sea. There are multiple viewing areas along the riverbank, but the best way to see *and* experience the waterfall is to join a guided wet climb that zigzags up the falls.



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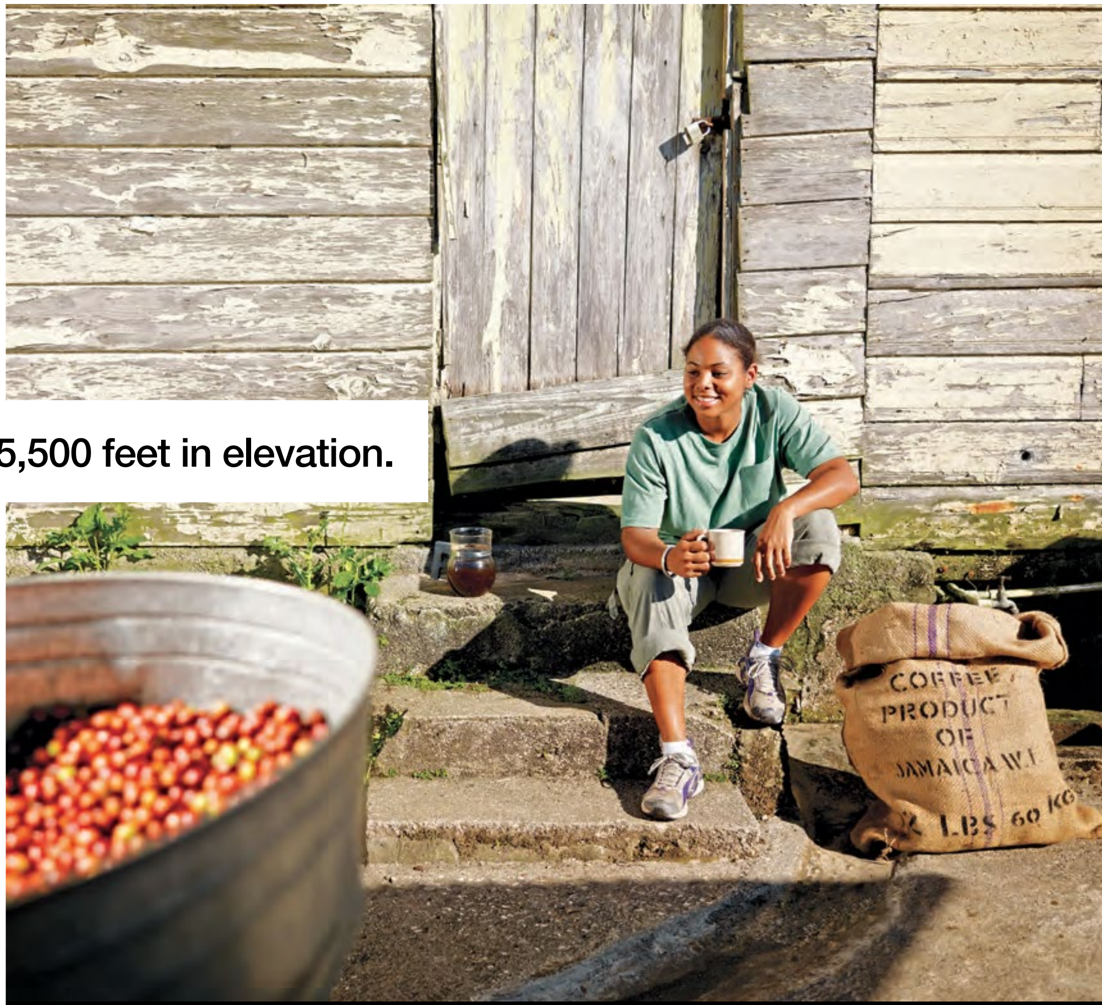
**HANDICRAFT HOMAGE**
Reggae and the Rastafarian spirit are cornerstones of life on Jamaica — as well as a never-ending source of inspiration for local artisans. Watch for pop-up stands where you can purchase unique pieces of art to take home.

### TOES IN THE SAND

The shoreline is the centerpiece of every Jamaican vacation, and Negril's Seven Mile Beach is one of the prettiest stretches around. You can be as idle or active as you want here. Popular excursions range from snorkeling and scuba diving to kayaking and deep-sea fishing. Just as delightful is posting up on a lounge chair with a good spy novel. Take a pre-breakfast stroll to enjoy the beach's most serene moments. Later, bargain with the roving vendors for a kitschy souvenir — or enjoy a spontaneous musical performance.

To be classified as Jamaica Blue Mountain Coffee, the beans must be grown between 3,000 and 5,500 feet in elevation.



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### ALTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

Eastern Jamaica's Blue Mountains provide an impressive highland juxtaposition to the island's more famous sandy strands. Blue Mountain Peak itself rises 7,402 feet above sea level and can be a breathtaking (literally at times) hike for adventurous visitors. Other ways to experience this scenic hinterland include bicycle and motorcoach tours. The region is also home to Blue Mountain Coffee, and there are numerous excursions that pair high-country sightseeing with a visit to a farm so guests can learn about coffee production and sample a final product.

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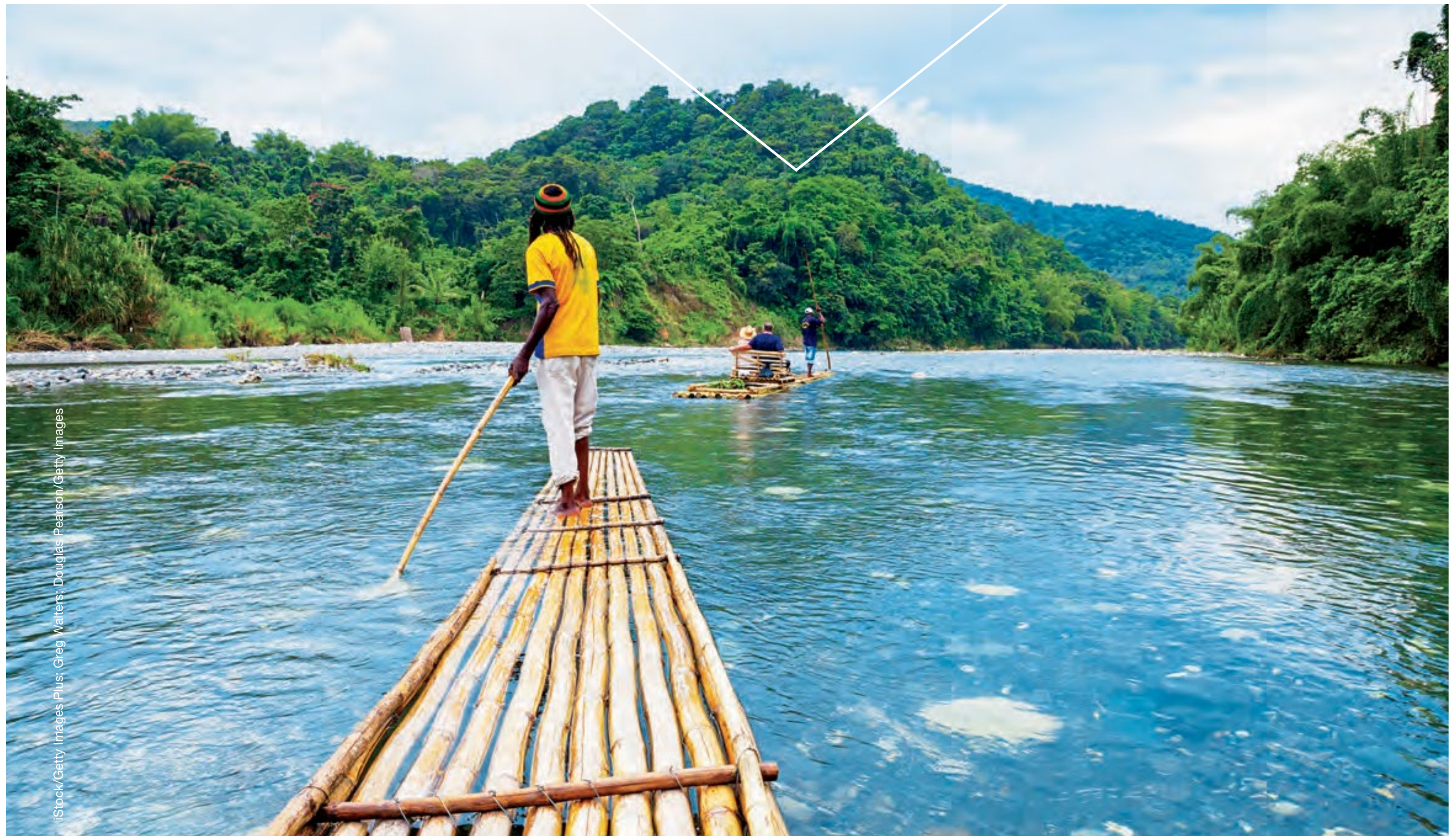
### ISLAND FLAVOR

Fresh fruit and seafood — and Red Stripe beer — top the list of go-to fare on Jamaica. Of course, at the tip-top of that list is jerk cuisine. And keep in mind that true jerk cooking refers to both the blend of spices used for seasoning and how the chicken, fish, or other protein is prepared — and you can find delectable varieties everywhere, from white-linen restaurants to streetside stands. Bottom line: If you see a bunch of drumsticks and wings spread across a big grill fired with coals and pimento wood, you're in the right place.

### UP THE RIVER

With no big inflatable boats or any white water to speak of, Jamaican river rafting probably looks a little different than what you have in mind. That doesn't mean it's no fun. Tours along the Rio Grande and Martha Brae rivers are relaxing scenic affairs aboard bamboo boats that were originally designed to move bananas and other produce to the coast.



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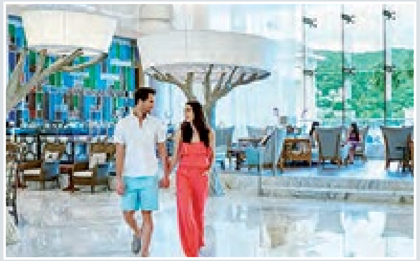

**Moon Palace Jamaica (MPJ)***
Located in Ocho Rios, Moon Palace Jamaica is only about 10 minutes from Dunn's River Falls and is a convenient pick-up location for numerous tours, including into the Blue Mountains. On-site dining features seafood at beachside Pier 8, pasta and wood-fired pizza at Sundeck, and sushi or crowd-favorite hibachi cuisine at Momo. When the sun goes down, enjoy a top-shelf beverage at the Piano Bar or show off your dance moves at Noir nightclub.

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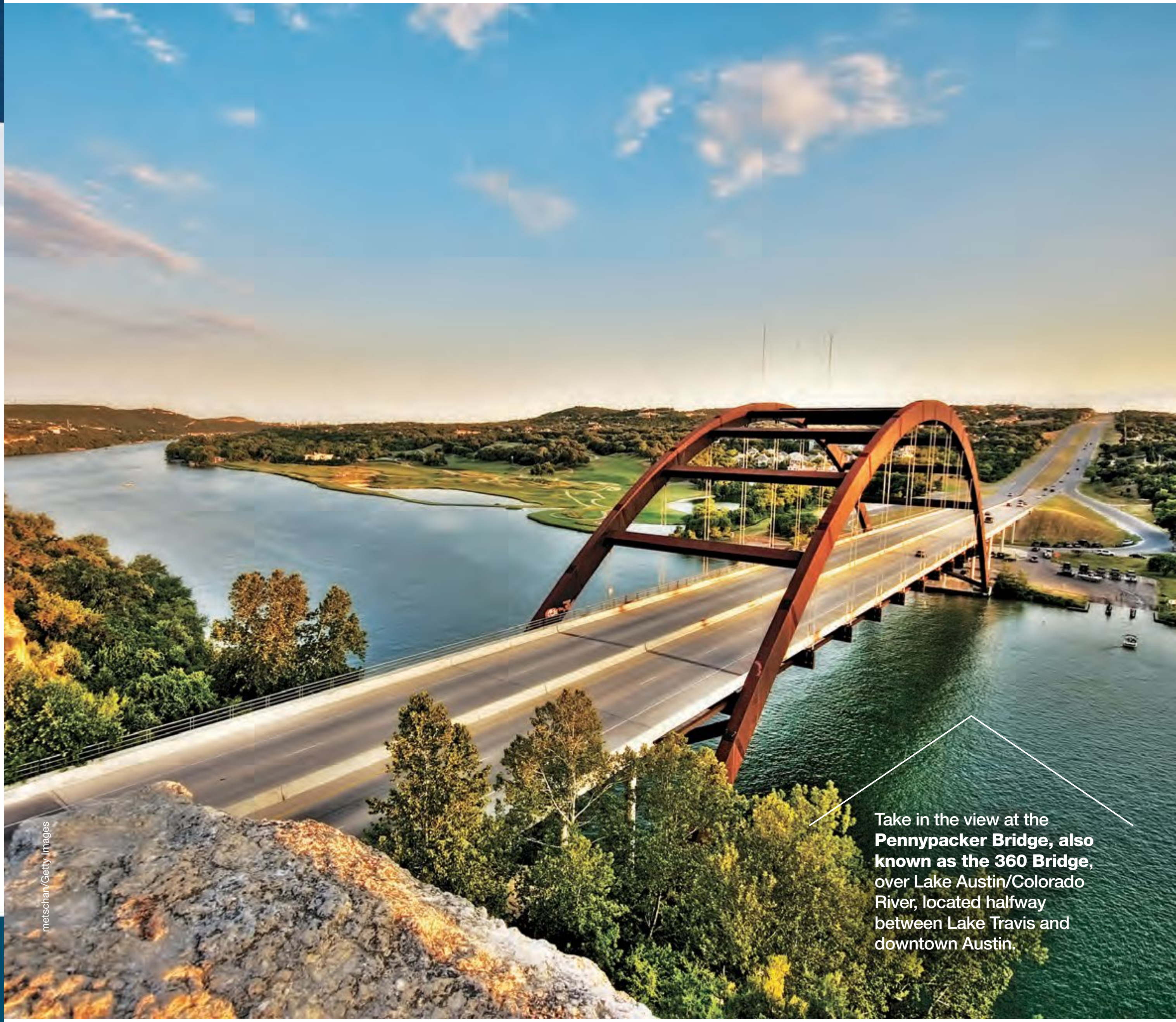
BY **CHRISTINA UMPIERRE**

# CENTRAL TEXAS

Whether you zip-line over serpentine Lake Travis or catch a catfish on pine-lined Lake Conroe, Central Texas offers outdoor recreation galore. And you're never too far away from a couple of the state's coolest urban playgrounds either. An approximately one-hour jaunt south from each of these reservoirs will get you to the museums and nightlife of the big city — to Austin from Lake Travis, or to Houston from Lake Conroe. Read on as four Texans share their resident must-do lists. Let's go, y'all!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Take in the view at the **Pennypacker Bridge, also known as the 360 Bridge,** over Lake Austin/Colorado River, located halfway between Lake Travis and downtown Austin.

**JULIE DYKEN**
Vision and cognitive therapist in Austin

**Sundown Margaritas** "Going to The Oasis and looking over Lake Travis while sipping on margaritas is the place to be. The crowd claps at the end of each sunset."

**Sunup Lookout** "The 360 Bridge over Lake Austin is often used in screen savers. The sunrise is stunning."

**Breakfast Tacos** "Valentina's was a small trailer, but would impede traffic [because] they were so well loved with their mix of Texas barbecue and Tex-Mex and [eventually] started a brick and mortar in far South Austin."

**Get on the Water** "Lake Travis — take a day, rent a pontoon boat from Just For Fun, and float in Devil's Cove, and eat dinner at Emerald Point Bar & Grill on the lake."

**Honky-Tonk** Spend an evening "at Saxon Pub, where Bonnie Raitt or one of the members of Counting Crows will walk in and join a band onstage, on South Lamar in Austin."

**JOSEFINA HOBBS**
Senior Product Marketing Manager, Synopsys Inc. software company in Austin

**Six Flags of Texas** "Bullock Texas State History Museum [offers a] fascinating view of the history of Texas, for a true understanding of all the six flags under which Texas flew, plus the influence of the oil and space industries on this state. It includes interactive exhibits as well as an IMAX theater."

**Zip Over Water** "Lake Travis Zipline Adventures — an exciting zip line with a fantastic lake view! The tour is about three hours long, with five zip lines, one of which is almost 3,000 feet long. It will be the highlight of your visit to Austin. Go in the late afternoon/evening, and you'll get the bonus of a stunning sunset."

**Beer, Tacos, and Tunes** "Sagebrush — this is a newer outdoor venue on South Congress, with live music every night. The friendly staff serve cold beer and tasty food from Johnny Tacos. This is a great place to hear the latest up-and-coming artists in the Live Music Capital of the World."

**Sunset Steps** "Mount Bonnell — this is one of the most spectacular views in Austin, situated right on Lake Austin. You can drive most of the way up, and then it's an easy hike up about a hundred flagstone steps to the top. Definitely worth seeing."

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**Space City** So much about NASA is looking to the future, but "Space Center Houston [is] also a historic attraction."

**MELISSA BACK MCALPINE**
President and owner of Back to Yes Mediation in Houston

**Eggs With a View** "The Dunlavy [now known as Flora] — it has famous chandeliers in this glass treehouse dining room overlooking Buffalo Bayou Park — a delicious and Insta-friendly place."

**Two for One** "Gerald D. Hines Waterwall Park — a true Houston icon — plus it's right across the street from The Galleria, one of the best places to shop."

**Sip and Listen** "The Rustic in Uptown Park — find some cowboy boots and enjoy the best country songs. It's co-owned by Texas country music legend Pat Green."

**Tex-Mex** "A true must-experience in Houston is at The Original Ninfa's on Navigation, where you must try the fajitas, queso, and margaritas, or you can try El Tiempo Cantina too!"

**Dry-Aged** "The best steakhouse in Houston is Pappas Bros. Steakhouse for special occasions."

**SCOTT HARPER**
Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce President

**Town Center** "Downtown Conroe is undergoing revitalization. We're getting new restaurants. We're starting to become a hotspot. The Owen Theatre has arts and the plays, and some other concerts are held there. It's starting to become a destination."

**Pacific Yard House** "They do a great job of live music. They do a lot of fundraising events that bring a band in. ... It's a very popular spot for people to go to lunch [downtown]."

**Military Salute** "Montgomery County Veterans Memorial Park ... has all the historical flags from all the different branches of service. They have a perpetual wall for anyone in Montgomery County that has served."

**Bombshell Blonde** "It's the go-to brand of Southern Star Brewing Company. The brewery is on-site, and then they have an outdoor beer garden."

hand-crafted desserts

**High Altitude** "Black Walnut Cafe at Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport sits on the third floor and overlooks [the runway], so it's a great venue. They're known for their Sunday brunches as well. You better go early because you're going to wait."

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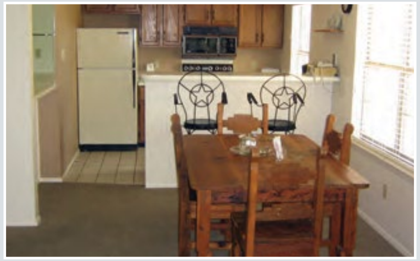
**The Landing at Seven Coves (LSO)**
About 12 miles from downtown Conroe, The Landing at Seven Coves is situated on a peninsula on Lake Conroe so that the units overlook the water. Space Center Houston is less than two hours away.



**The Shores at Lake Travis (SLT)**
Enjoy convenient access to water activities around Lake Travis from this resort. Guests can even rent boats and waterskiing equipment. South Congress in Austin and other city highlights are about 45 miles away.

# Family Ties

BY **J.B. BISSELL**

The Crawford House — with its new porch — around 1910 (below), and the author and his family enjoying the same space in 2016 (right).

## A descendant (in-law) of STEAMBOAT SPRINGS' founding father mixes some history with the hot springs for an ideal visit to this ideal Colorado mountain town.

Some people marry into money or royalty, or both. I did even better. I married into the first family of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. My wife Michelle's grandfather's grandfather was James Harvey Crawford (left), the first white settler to stake a claim at the spot that later blossomed into Ski Town U.S.A.

Strawberry Park Hot Springs' natural setting is a wonderful complement to the 102-degree (or so) soaking pools.

Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs, CO; Christian Penick; daveynin

The CliffsNotes-style version of the story goes like this: Following a recommendation from an old fur trapper, Crawford set out in 1874 to find what was already known as the Steamboat Spring, a mineral-rich water source that fountained into a river and sounded like — you guessed it — an old steamboat when weary travelers came within earshot. His expedition's first pass through the area ended up too far west, so Crawford and one of his partners doubled back. When they finally found the fabled oasis in the heart of the Yampa Valley, Crawford lit an aspen tree ablaze to officially announce his intentions to permanently set up shop there.

One hundred twenty-two years later — lacking any cool stories about getting advice from fur trappers or negotiating the untamed Rocky Mountains — I showed up to Steamboat Springs with Crawford's great-great-granddaughter.

### The Tread of the Pioneers

That was two-and-a-half decades ago, so my memory is a little hazy. We went on a hike and we ate brisket at a barbecue joint that has since closed. And I do remember wondering when I'd get my "Steamboat Springs Founding Family All-Access" membership card. (Ah, the blissful naivete of life in one's early 20s!)

Alas, there is no such card, but Michelle did walk me through the Tread of Pioneers Museum, where it felt as though (and still does) every other display — ranging from a high chair to a Colt .45 revolver — was a relic procured from the Crawford family's local tenure at the turn of the 20th century.

Many of the heirlooms on display came straight from the family homestead, a three-story stone dwelling about 5 blocks northwest of the museum. Known as the Crawford House, it dates to 1894 and served as Margaret and James' primary residence until 1939. After being owned by a handful of people outside of the family, Michelle's Aunt Anna and Uncle Jim purchased the home in 2004. Along with overseeing some careful restoration projects, they spearheaded a successful effort to have the house placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

It remains a private residence, but the museum does offer occasional tours through the home's main public spaces. Historic highlights include the original family piano in the parlor and a collection of artwork done by the Crawfords' daughter, Lulie.

### Playing Tour Guide

Thanks to our connection to the community (here's the part of the story where my matrimonial good fortune comes to full light) and the fact that we have a key to the Crawford House, Michelle and I, along with our two boys, have hosted family reunions and celebrated a few Christmases and Fourth of Julys in Steamboat throughout the years.

Which means I've played tour guide on numerous occasions and planned plenty of vacation itineraries for visiting relatives. Of course, coming off as a local expert here is effortless when you simply point friends and family to the outdoors: Is there snow in the forecast? Go skiing. Are the wildflowers blooming or aspen leaves changing colors? Go for a hike.

Speaking of which, the Fish Creek Falls trail is a must-do — and you don't have to be a mountaineer to enjoy the most popular scenic spoils. There's a paved half-mile walkway to an overlook of the namesake cascade and an even shorter gravel path to the bottom of the 280-foot spill. If possible, continue your trek on the more challenging trail to Upper Fish Creek Falls. It's about 2.5 miles one way, and you'll gain nearly 1,600 feet en route to a striking scene where a second waterfall tumbles over a craggy rock face and into a tranquil pool tucked between stone walls.

### Shared Experiences

Still, I do earn my tour guide credentials when I successfully fill the time *between* those outdoor excursions. And whether it's destiny, karma, or mere coincidence, my favorite way to do that is with a visit to the same type of hydrological phenomenon that enchanted James Harvey Crawford back in 1874: a mineral spring.

Unlike Crawford, though, there's no need to break out your old-time compass for a full-on group expedition. The Old Town Hot Springs facility — situated right off Highway 40 as you come to downtown — is about as accessible as it gets, and just as restorative.

If you've never submerged your tuckered-out muscles in a hot springs pool, don't shrug off the experience as merely a glorified hot tub session. It's *way* better. I'm not a scientist, so I can't speak to what exactly the boron, lithium, magnesium, sulfate, and other naturally occurring minerals do to enhance the curative sensations. What I can say is that whether I'm in town to partake in the aforementioned outdoor activities, or to simply escape city life for a weekend, I never miss the opportunity for a soak.

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Plan at least a couple of hours for your visit. Old Town Hot Springs is home to one large soaking pool, plus three additional spa-sized tubs — as well as separate lap and children's pools and two waterslides. Start your rejuvenation journey in the main pool and then alternate among the other spaces. My preferred spot is the Heart Spring. The water in this spa is unchlorinated and essentially flows into the pool exactly how it's been pumping out of the ground for more than a century.

So every time I take a dip in the Heart Spring, I smile because I consider it the closest shared experience I can have with James Harvey Crawford. After all, it's been 25 years since my first weekend in the Yampa Valley, and while I still don't have any enthralling stories about fraternizing with fur trappers, I like to believe I'm doing my very small part of carrying on the family legacy by welcoming folks to Steamboat Springs. ■

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## FAMILY MATTERS

When it comes to planning a trip to Steamboat Springs, the entire family gets involved. So I asked Michelle and our two boys — Dade (20) and Roan (18) — for their top recommendations. After explaining that the obvious outdoor activities were already spoken for, here's what they had to say:

**MICHELLE:**
"It's called Steamboat *Springs* because there's more than one. Old Town is great. It's convenient, and they have locker rooms and sell snacks. But if you like a more rustic scene, check out Strawberry Park Hot Springs. It's about 7 miles north of town and gorgeous. There are restrooms and chairs, of course, but beyond that, you're just soaking in the middle of the woods. It's fantastic. Keep in mind that after sunset it's adults only."

**ROAN:**
"The first thing I do when we get to town is walk Lincoln Avenue to Fuzziwig's and stock up on treats for our stay. F.M. Light & Sons is right across the street, so if you need some cowboy clothes, you're all set. And don't miss the Main Street Steamboat Farmers Market that runs from June through September. They have cool art and stuff like that, but the street food is where it's at. American Joe's and Q Live Crew BBQ are my favorites."

**DADE:**
"You gotta go to Winona's for breakfast. Their cinnamon rolls are ridiculous. I love playing disc golf over at the mountain when the ski resort sets up the 19-hole course in the summer and regular golf at the Steamboat Golf Club. The Outlaw Mountain Coaster is fun, and that self-guided walking tour of Iron, Soda, Sulphur, Steamboat, and Lithia springs that Mom took us on just south of the Crawford House is cool."

WINONA'S
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Cowboys and Indians

ABOVE: Scenic views of Fish Creek Falls are accessible for the entire family.
FACING PAGE: The first F.M. Light & Sons opened on Nov. 9, 1905, and it's still *the* place to get your cowboy hat, boots, and other Western wear.

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**Sheraton Steamboat Resort Villas (SRM)**
Situated at the base of the Steamboat Ski Resort, this property provides easy access to all manner of outdoor activities — and is just a short drive away from the Old Town Hot Springs.

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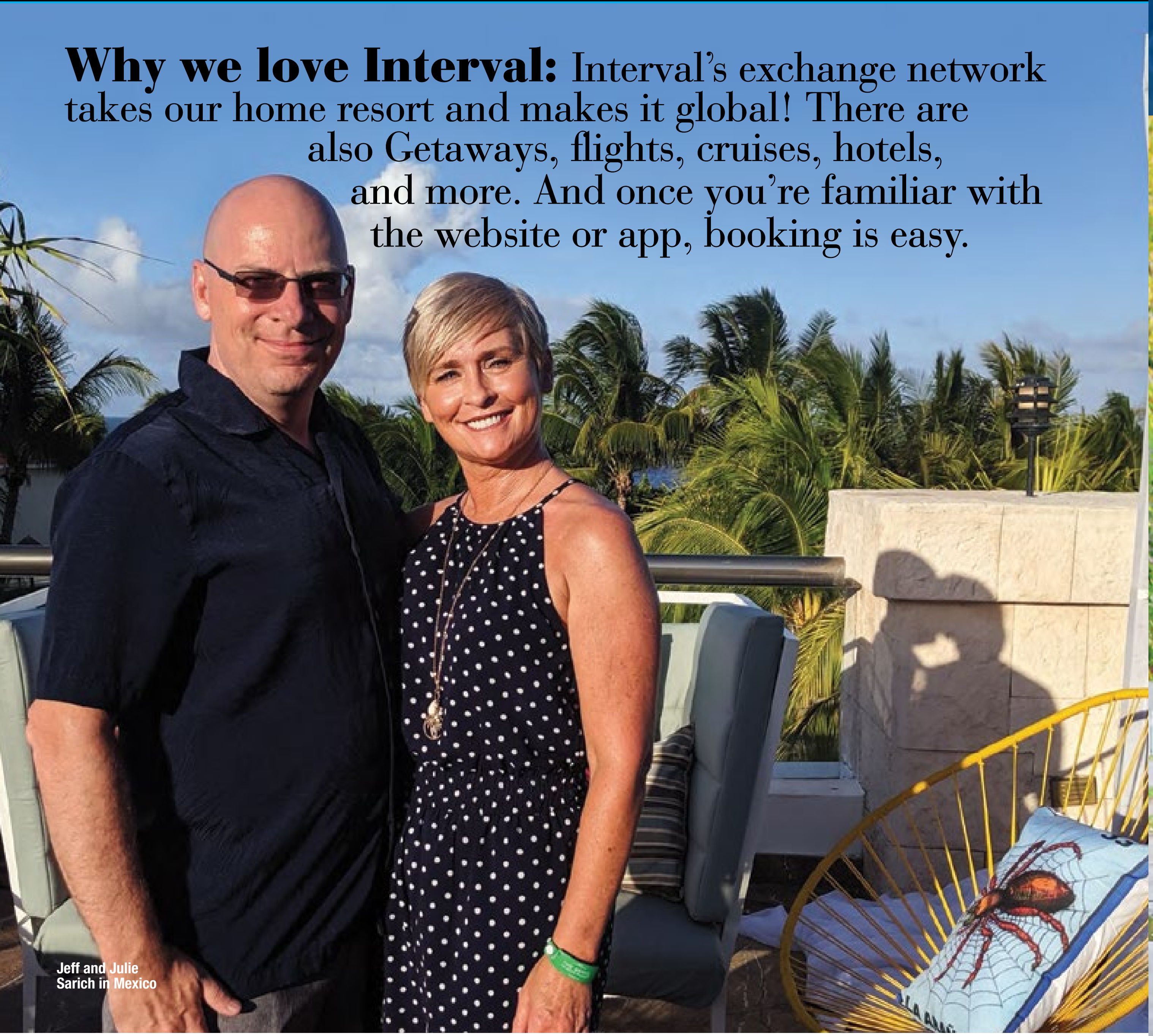

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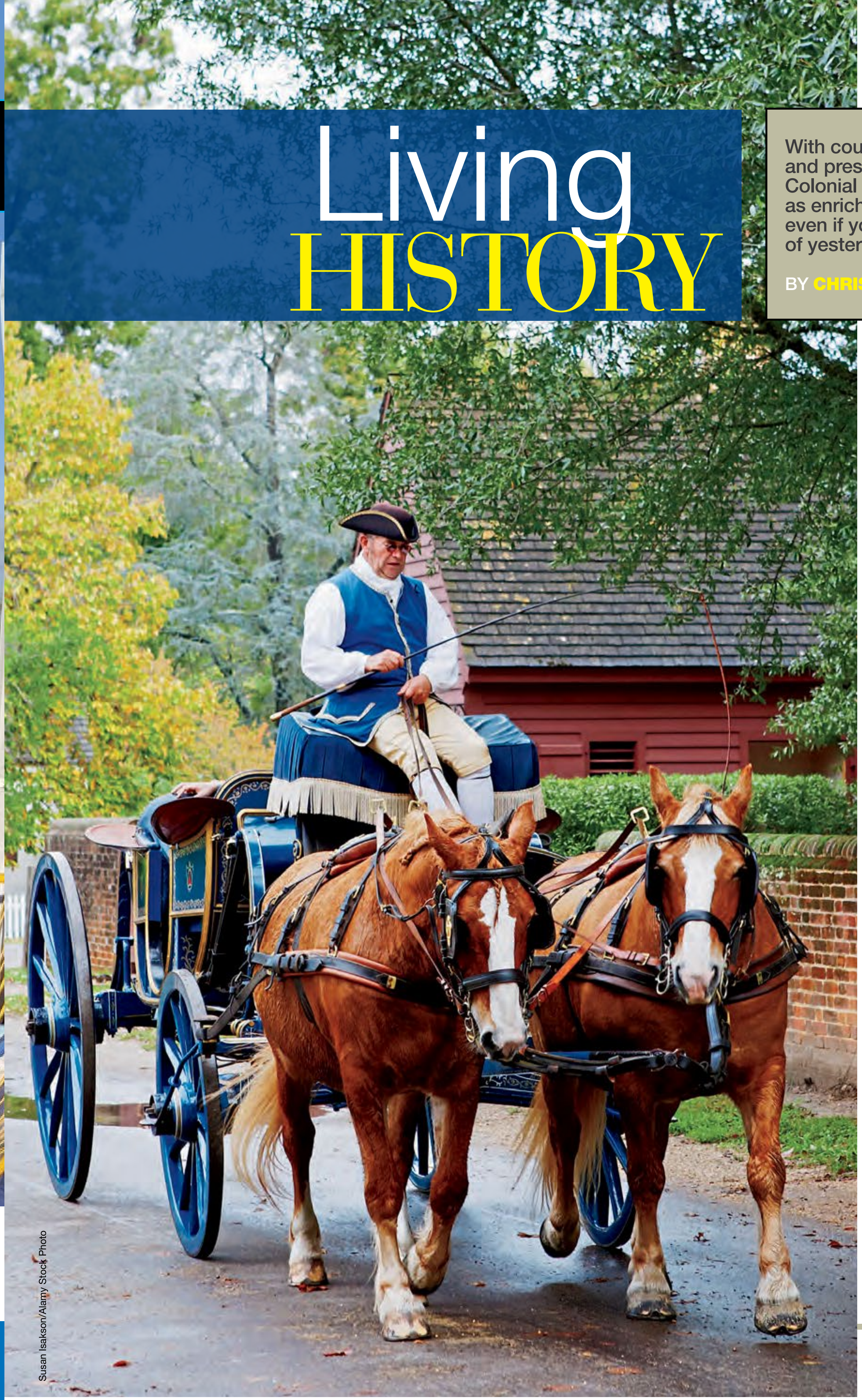

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# Living HISTORY

With countless artifacts, exhibits, and presentations dedicated to Colonial times, Williamsburg is as enriching as it is enjoyable — even if you think you got your fill of yesteryear back in school.

BY **CHRISTIN NIELSEN**

If you've never been to Virginia's Historic Triangle, expect to be pleasantly surprised. Far from a corny tourist trap, the area — which consists of Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown — is full of well-preserved history and plenty of charm. And while it's just a day-trip away from many other popular destinations, including Virginia Beach and Washington, D.C., you can easily fill a full week in the heart of the Historic Triangle with sightseeing and fun activities.

**Follow this guide to help build your own itinerary and ensure the best experience possible the next time you visit.**

# STEP 1

## See the Key Historic Sites

### Jamestown

A quaint community with a rural feel, Jamestown was founded in 1607 and is the first permanent English settlement in America. From Williamsburg or Yorktown, take the Colonial Parkway to Jamestown for stunning views of the James River.

If you're interested in seeing the actual site of the original colony, Historic Jamestowne should be your first stop. It's preserved by the U.S. National Park Service and features an active archeological dig site called Jamestown Rediscovery ②.

Jamestown Settlement is a living history museum featuring full-scale models of the three 17th-century ships the first settlers arrived on. You'll also find re-creations of James Fort and Paspahegh Town — a Powhatan village — here. Watch costumed historical interpreters produce wood and leather products, forge metal, and partake in activities such as sewing and cultivating food.

### Williamsburg

For many visitors, Colonial Williamsburg is the central highlight of the Historic Triangle — and it's a beloved destination for plenty of locals, too. Spanning 301 acres, Colonial Williamsburg was the capital of Virginia from 1699 to 1779, and is now the largest living history museum in the world. When you walk the grounds, you step back in time. Eighty-five percent of the original 18th-century buildings and town center have been preserved here.

**Tickets for these Historic Triangle attractions can be purchased online in advance, so you can skip the line on the day you arrive and head straight to the sites.**

You could spend several days exploring Colonial Williamsburg's many historical structures, but if your schedule is tight, pick a few of the trade shops to visit — like the blacksmith or the tailor — and be sure to meet an interpreter portraying Thomas Jefferson, Martha Washington, or another nation builder. You'll also want to visit the iconic Governor's Palace ① and the Capitol.

If you have more time, other important buildings include the Georgian-style Colonial Williamsburg Courthouse and Bruton Parish Episcopal Church, where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Patrick Henry once worshipped.

For a refined historic dining experience, reserve a table at King's Arms Tavern — and wind down the day with a carriage ride or an evening reenactment-style performance.

### Yorktown

Next up is Yorktown, which features two major draws: Yorktown Battlefield and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown.

Yorktown Battlefield is managed by the National Park Service and is part of the Colonial National Historical Park. It's the site of the battle where George Washington and his troops won American independence in 1781. Begin by stopping at the Visitor Center, with a variety of well-preserved exhibits, including actual battle tents used by Gen. Washington. Take a guided walking tour of the battlefield and surrounding historic town, or purchase an audio tour CD in the Visitor Center and drive through the sprawling grounds. Pause to see the real cannons and fortifications from the battle.

Another living history museum, the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, details America's founding, from the early Colonial period to the days surrounding the signing of the Constitution. Interact with costumed interpreters, explore immersive exhibits and galleries featuring preserved artifacts, and catch a film about the Battle of Yorktown in the 180-degree surround screen theater. Outside, you'll find a re-created Revolution-era farm and learn about how families lived in the 18th century.

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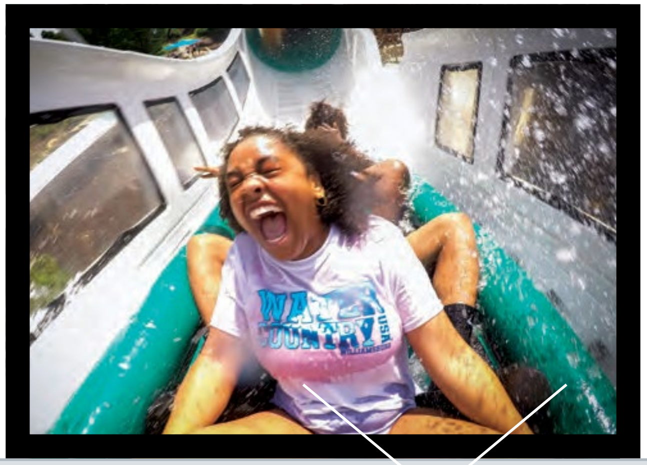
**Parking is limited around Colonial Williamsburg (the city planners weren't anticipating minivans and big SUVs back in the 1700s), but don't fret. There's a free shuttle that runs all day between the Visitor Center and many of the settlement's main buildings.**



### RECESS!

Williamsburg definitely makes history fun — but when you're ready for some recreation without all the learning, check out these local favorites.

**Busch Gardens**
Named the World's Most Beautiful Park by the National Amusement Park Historical Association every year for the past 31 years, Busch Gardens in Williamsburg spans more than 130 acres and features a European theme throughout. In addition to dozens of thrilling rides and attractions, the park offers live shows that vary by season.

**Ripley's Believe It or Not!**
Featuring more than 350 *interesting* things you probably won't see anywhere else, the Odditorium at Ripley's Believe It or Not! is filled with peculiar exhibits, such as a spinning vortex tunnel and actual shrunken heads. You can also watch movies in the 4D theater, speed through a laser race, and play minigolf next door at Catfish Cove.

**Go Ape**
Set back in a shady forest a short drive from downtown Williamsburg, Go Ape is an interactive treetop adventure park. You'll be immersed in nature in thrilling ways as you explore the zip lines and ropes courses. Back on the ground, challenge your travel mates to a round of ax throwing.

**Water Country USA**
In the summer months, Busch Gardens' Water Country USA — the largest water park in Virginia — is an ideal spot for cooling off. Enjoy a kick-back float in the lazy river, or pick up the pace with a race down a mega-slide. If you have little ones in tow, they'll find plenty to do in the designated play areas, kiddie pools, and child-size waterslides.

# STEP 2
## Find Some Hidden Gems

### Jamestown Glasshouse

Nestled within the grounds of Historic Jamestowne is the Glasshouse ①, site of America's first industrial manufacturing effort. You'll see original furnace remains from the early 1600s and witness glassblowing apprentices create candleholders and pitchers. Stop at the gift shop after your visit to purchase one of the handcrafted glassware products made on-site.

### Cornwallis' Cave

Before or after you tour the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, stop to see nearby Cornwallis' Cave in a hidden spot across from the beach on Water Street. According to local legend, Gen. Cornwallis retreated here to escape the siege of Yorktown. The National Park Service isn't convinced this account is accurate, but the mysterious cave — which was most likely used to store food during the Colonial era and munitions during the Civil War — is still a historically-relevant sight to behold.

### Freedom Park

If you're in the mood to mix some outdoor recreation with your history, head to Williamsburg's Freedom Park. Featuring miles of walking and mountain biking trails set in a 600-acre forest, this park is also the site of a Revolutionary War battle. Numerous historic buildings are preserved or reconstructed, including one of the nation's first Free Black Settlements and a 17th-century domicile. The tranquil Williamsburg Botanical Garden, home to more than 800 species of flowers and other vegetation, is also located here.

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**Marriott's Manor Club at Ford's Colony (MMC, MSE)**
This property, situated in the picturesque Ford's Colony community, is an easy 20-minute drive from the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center.

**The Cottages, The Townes, and The Estates at King's Creek (KCP, KCT, KCE)**
With three outdoor swimming pools, these homelike accommodations are conveniently located between Colonial Williamsburg and Yorktown.

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# STEP 3
## Fill Your Free Time With Food and Shopping

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### Merchants Square

Historic Merchants Square — located within easy walking distance of Colonial Williamsburg — has a restaurant for every craving.

- Sip exotic coffees and teas and savor homemade soups and sandwiches at Aromas, a favorite of many residents.
- Grab a burger at Retro's Good Eats or a fresh sandwich at The Cheese Shop ②.
- For a fine dining experience, reserve a spot at the new American-style Fat Canary or upscale French Blue Talon Bistro.
- If you're craving surf and turf, you'll enjoy Berret's Seafood Restaurant and Taphouse Grill.
- Shop for cool souvenirs and (more) tasty treats at Everything Williamsburg and the General Store.
- Gear up for the holidays at The Christmas Shop, and pick up some quality gifts imported from Europe at Scotland House, Ltd.

### Riverwalk Landing

A favorite among locals and visitors alike, Riverwalk Landing ③ is a charming waterside destination in Yorktown with riverfront dining, boutique shops, outdoor recreation, and live music.

- Rent a kayak or paddleboard by the hour at Patriot Tours & Provisions, or join one of its guided Segway tours.
- Unwind with a casual lunch at Carrot Tree Kitchens or the historic Mobjack Bay Coffee Roasters.
- For seafood-with-a-water-view dining, try Water Street Grille or Riverwalk Restaurant.
- An evening sail on the schooner *Alliance* and an ice cream from Ben & Jerry's is the perfect way to top off the day. ■

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# “Nice To Meet You, Puerto Morelos”

BY **LAURA WINFREE**

**Mexico’s Caribbean coastline — from Cancún to Tulum — has become such a popular place for fun and excitement that it’s easy to miss its less familiar gems. Still relatively unknown, Puerto Morelos is a cool, low-key escape with arguably the best location in the entire Riviera Maya. So, let us introduce you to what might become your new favorite beach town.**

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This hidden-away spot on Mexico’s Riviera Maya offers slow-going and refreshing small-town charm within easy reach of some of the area’s other top attractions.

### Where is it exactly?

It’s in the northern part of the Riviera Maya, roughly halfway between the always-buzzing Cancún and the hotspot that is Playa del Carmen. For your arrival and departure, Puerto Morelos is only about 25 minutes south of Cancún International Airport.

### What’s the vibe like?

Puerto Morelos is a fishing village at its core, dotted with colorful homes and small — yet memorable — restaurants. It’s a quiet oasis with local Mexican flavor — and an ideal place for vacationers who want to wear flip-flops their entire stay.

### Sounds great. Why haven’t I heard of it before?

Even with its obvious appeal, the little village of Puerto Morelos tends to be overshadowed by its larger neighbors: Cancún, Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, and even Tulum. Then again, this might be a good thing. It’s become a more in-the-know destination visited mostly by laid-back international travelers, along with weekender Cancún locals who come for day-trips to the beach.

### Speaking of beaches, what are they like? Which one should we go to?

You can go to any strand that’s close to your accommodations. The entire stretch of beach in Puerto Morelos is swimmable with lovely views. No matter where you stay, you’ll be within a block or two of digging your toes into some powdery-white Caribbean sand.

### What about those “small yet memorable restaurants?”

Again, Puerto Morelos remains, above all, a fishing village, so any stay should feature regular meals at the local seafood eateries. Enjoy the town’s classic entrees, including Mexico’s famed octopus dishes, fried fish (as in, the whole fish), and even *tikin xic*, a Maya fish recipe with achiote sauce. Plus, as a bonus, most restaurants are within walking distance from anywhere in town.

Pelicanos ranks as Puerto Morelos’ most iconic restaurant. It’s situated right on the beach at the main square and has been at that same spot for more than 20 years. The restaurant features a nice terrace with water views that complements its extensive seafood menu. The most panoramic setting, though, can be found at the open-air El Merkadito, which offers a Caribbean Sea vista on three sides. El Merkadito also has a full seafood menu — and the traditional tostadas are a particular highlight.

Surprisingly, you’ll also find some wonderful Italian cuisine. MEM Al Mare sits under a giant thatched-roof palapa and serves up flavorful pizzas and delicious tiramisu.

For an upscale evening on the town, the renowned John Gray’s Kitchen is set in a tucked-away spot 2 blocks from the town center. Allow the chefs to indulge you with several courses of gourmet cuisine from a menu that changes weekly. Reservations are recommended.

### What else is there to do in town?

When you’re not relaxing on the beach or feasting on Puerto Morelos’ fresh seafood, spend some time exploring the town. El Faro Inclinado, at the main section of beach, is a favorite spot for photos. The tilted lighthouse was struck by Hurricane Beulah back in 1967 and has remained leaning to one side ever since.

Puerto Morelos’ small size and quiet streets make it a wonderful place for a bike ride or a walk. In just a few hours or less, you can explore the area’s central square, church, restaurants, side streets, charming houses, and quaint tropical gardens.

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Thanks to the large barrier reef not far from shore, the seas are generally calm at Puerto Morelos’ beaches. INSET: The best seat in the house at Pelicanos is anywhere on the covered patio.

### What about day-trips?

Puerto Morelos' location on the Riviera Maya makes it a fantastic home base from which to explore the region. You can easily book snorkeling tours right from the beach that take you out to the coral reefs offshore. And nearby Croco Cun Zoo provides a fun morning trip to discover the area's crocodiles and other wildlife.

One secret attraction known to most residents, but very few visitors, is the Ruta de los Cenotes (Route of the Cenotes). The entrance is just west of Puerto Morelos, with a small highway leading deeper into the jungle. As you drive, you'll pass numerous *cenotes* (natural springs connected to the Yucatán Peninsula's immense underground river system) where you can swim and sometimes even zip-line into these clear pools.

And no Riviera Maya trip is complete without seeing some of the region's ancient Maya ruins. Archeological sites abound, but this is a case where the most touristy spots are also the most impressive. Venture to Tulum, less than two hours away, to see centuries-old remnants, including El Castillo, which is the tallest structure at the site and set atop a cliff overlooking the Caribbean Sea. To visit the famed (and enormous) Chichén Itzá, you'll want to book a day tour that will take you there by bus (look for one that includes lunch and maybe even a stop at a refreshing cenote).

### How about Cancún or Playa del Carmen?

Oh yes! With both cities only about 40 minutes away, you can enjoy a day-trip or even just a night out to either. Cancún is known for its luxury shopping, massive nightclubs, and spectacular beaches, perfect if you want to add a touch of glitz to your vacation. Playa del Carmen is home to the popular 5th Avenue pedestrian street that's lined with open-air bars, enticing restaurants, and colorful shops.

### Puerto Morelos sounds like a great all-around vacation spot!

It definitely is. It's easy to get to, charming, calming, and beautiful; the food's delicious and there are so many amazing things to do and see right in town and nearby. If you simply want a break from all the hustle and bustle, Puerto Morelos is your place. (But let's maybe keep that between us!) ■

Whether you're looking for a little trinket or a new piece of art, you could spend an entire day shopping your way up and down Playa del Carmen's lively 5th Avenue.

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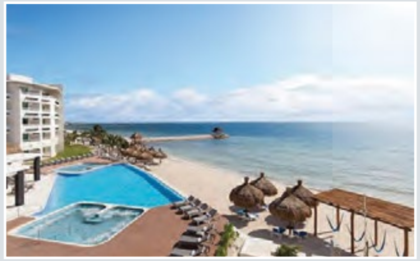

**El Cid Ventus at Marina Spa & Beach Resort (VTS)***
Located just a bit south of town, this resort has several on-site restaurants as well as a dolphinarium, and provides access to scuba diving and other excursions.

**The Fives Oceanfront Puerto Morelos (FOP)**
This property features modern interior design and is nestled right on the beach at the north end of Puerto Morelos. It's about a 15-minute walk from El Faro Inclinado and Pelicanos.

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MAZATLÁN
- El Cid El Moro Beach Resort, MOR
- El Cid Marina Beach Resort & Yacht Club , MEG

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- El Cid Marina Spa & Beach Resort , CZR
- El Cid Ventus at Marina Spa & Beach Resort , VTS
- El Cid Ventus Ha' at Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort , VTH

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## Atlantic City, New Jersey

**When it comes to all things glitz and gambling, Atlantic City's Boardwalk provides plenty of opportunities to win. But there's so much more to discover "down the shore" (as native New Jerseyans call it) that can make your visit a richer experience than any jackpot could offer.**

**WHAT TO DO:** Once you've hit the slots or taken in the Boardwalk's Steel Pier, embrace the historical attractions and noteworthy landmarks that impart South Jersey its real charm and character.

**WHERE TO DO IT:** Check out the Atlantic City Aquarium, home to more than 100 species of ocean life, including sharks, stingrays, turtles, urchins, and moon jellies. The aquarium is on Absecon Inlet, where you can also find the 171-foot-tall Absecon Lighthouse, one of the state's oldest structures. For some family-friendly fun, turn the page on Storybook Land (a 20-acre literature-themed amusement park), or say hello to Lucy the Elephant (a six-story wood-and-tin-constructed elephant that is now a National Historic Landmark).

**WHY GO NOW:** Though official summer beach weather doesn't begin until Memorial Day, spring makes for the perfect time to visit Atlantic City's various unique points of interest with smaller crowds.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Venture down to the Cape May Lighthouse. New Jersey's most famous seaside beacon, it's located in Cape May Point State Park, where you can also meet some serious bird-watching and see a World War II bunker. The lighthouse is open daily from April through October (and most weekends the rest of the year).

### ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED DESTINATIONS

EAST

Florida, Cocoa Beach
Florida, Orlando
Pennsylvania, Poconos
Virginia, Williamsburg

WEST

Arizona, Phoenix Area
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## Las Vegas, Nevada

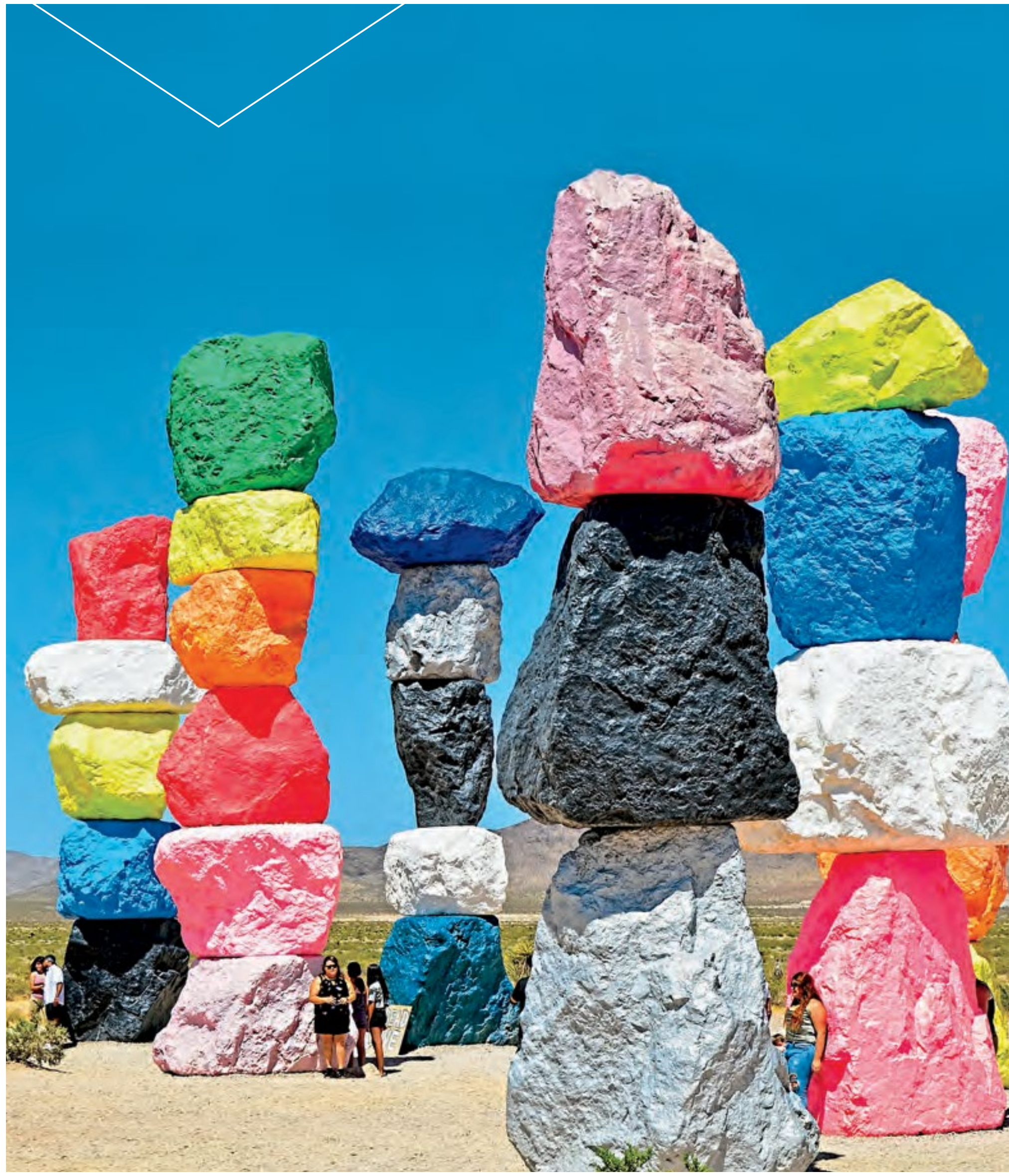
**Gambling, fine dining, shopping, and a palpable sense of high-stakes luxury embody the famous (or infamous) Sin City vibe. There is a different side to Las Vegas, though. Its alter ego? An array of off-the-beaten-path spots waiting for your discovery not far from the bright lights of the Strip.**

**WHAT TO DO:** Go for a hike. Enjoy a picnic. See a truly funky alfresco art installment. There's a world of natural wonder and artistic appreciation flourishing in and around the mostly arid landscape that surrounds the Las Vegas city limits.

**WHERE TO DO IT:** Sort of a Nevadan Stonehenge (if you can believe it), the 30- to 35-foot-tall totems of *Seven Magic Mountains* — courtesy of Swiss artist Ugo Rondinone — subvert their surrounding earthen desert tones for neon colors that look as though they may be powered by the same electricity that runs through the casinos some 20 miles north. Western canyon vistas await visitors at the Calico Hills Trail or Valley of Fire State Park.

**WHY GO NOW:** Spring temperatures are quite pleasant, so it's the perfect time to do some outdoor sightseeing before the summer heat really hits. And the nature-themed day-trips provide a nice balance for casino- and nightclub-focused evenings.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** Las Vegas is home to some truly unique attractions, including museums dedicated to pinball, neon signs, atomic testing, the mafia, burlesque, and — tacky Rolls-Royce alert! — Liberace's cars.



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## South Baja, Mexico

**The most southern part of the Baja California Peninsula — bordered on one side by the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of California on the other — is a vacation palette awash with the colors of culture, history, and natural scenery that typifies the region.**

**WHAT TO DO:** Explore, explore, explore. The seemingly endless coastline encourages day after day of beachgoing, water sports, hiking, biking, and visits to local communities, such as San José del Cabo and, of course, Cabo San Lucas.

**WHERE TO DO IT:** Begin your beach frolicking at the much-touted Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park. You can swim and sunbathe, but the real prize is snorkeling on a coral reef thought to be approximately 20,000 years old. Back on dry land, mountain biking and hiking trails are easily accessible throughout the region. Head into Cabo San Lucas for lively nightlife and over to San José del Cabo for a quiet evening of fine dining.

**WHY GO NOW:** For a couple of months following the rush of spring breakers, it can feel as though the entire Los Cabos region is your personal playground. Not to mention, the weather remains typically dry, so most of the outdoor activities are still viable.

**INSIDER'S TIP:** San José del Cabo doesn't get nearly the attention of its neighbor, Cabo San Lucas, but veteran visitors know to stroll this town's streets for the best local shopping. From authentic handicrafts to local art, this is the place to find souvenirs that you'll be proud to display back home.

### ADDITIONAL ANTICIPATED DESTINATIONS

#### INTERNATIONAL

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Argentina, Iguazú Falls
Argentina, Patagonia and Cuyo
Austria, Alps
British Columbia, Eastern
Cayman Islands, Grand Cayman
Colombia, Cartagena and Santa Marta
Dominican Republic, Eastern Coast
Dominican Republic, Puerto Plata
France, Disneyland Area
Guatemala
Italy, Mountains
Italy, Sardinia
Italy, South
Jamaica
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## Better Late Than Never

**BECKY AND JIM SHIELDS | ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**The Shields family celebrated daughter Sydney's 2020 high school graduation — in 2021— with a week in July at Marriott's Frenchman's Cove on St. Thomas.** "Although some of the stores and restaurants were not fully open because of COVID-19, it was nice to get away to relax and refresh after a stressful year," reminisces Becky. "We enjoyed the calm, crystal clear water at the resort, as well as Magens Bay. We went snorkeling aboard the *VI Cat*, where we saw lots of sea life, including turtles and coral reefs. The girls [Sydney and sister, Taylor] loved the open-air 'safari' taxis as we traversed the winding mountain roads. We hope to share many more adventures with our children in the future."

## Mountain Déjà Vu

**SHAWNA BENDT | BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO**

**When Lavin Bendt arrived in Colorado with her mother, Shawna, she felt like she had been to this place … because she had!** "My daughter and I returned on an exchange to Grand Timber Lodge in Breckenridge, after staying there 15 years ago when she was only 4," Shawna explains. "I had wonderful memories of our first stay here, but of course Lavin's were vague." They re-created the original Rocky Mountain experience by hiking, kayaking, and exploring the downtown shops and restaurants. "While the cost of lodging was at an all-time high this summer, exchanging through Interval International made this great vacation possible," Shawna shares. "Thank you for giving us the chance to make lifetime memories that we will always cherish!"

## Surprise Birthday Fete

**SHERRI AND PAUL KELLEY | PALM BEACH, ARUBA**

**Sherri Kelley and her children spent months planning a visit to Aruba to surprise patriarch Paul for his 60th birthday in June 2021.** "He found out the Wednesday before Father's Day, but didn't find out where we were going until we got to the airport. Our children arrived a few hours before we did and surprised him," recalls Sherri, adding that they'd decorated their room at Marriott's Aruba Surf Club® for the occasion. "He was beyond thrilled. For my husband's birthday dinner, we had dinner on the beach at Atardi, which is a wonderful restaurant next door at Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino." The family floated down their resort's lazy river, rented all-terrain vehicles, frolicked with flamingos on De Palm Island, and rode the colorful Kukoo Kunuku bus. "We love using our weeks with Interval International," Sherri says, "and every time … I seem to find out more information and ways to get reservations and how to use Interval more efficiently."

SILVER DOLLAR CITY

## Mother-Daughter Time

**ERIKA OWENS | BRANSON, MISSOURI**

**Erika and Savannah Owens wanted one last mother-daughter bonding trip before Savannah headed off to college.** "We were looking for a place that would have all the things we like to do together, so we picked Marriott's Willow Ridge Lodge in Branson," says Erika. The duo listened to the music of The Haygoods, walked along Table Rock Lake, and shopped for antiques in Historic Downtown Branson. "We went to Silver Dollar City amusement park for two days because there were so many rides, beautiful crafts made on the premises, and unique shows to see that we couldn't fit it all in one day," Erika describes. "I could have watched the glassblower make intricate vases all day, and Savannah indulged in the homemade candies and taffy created in the viewing kitchens."

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- Auto Rentals
- Babysitting Referral
- Bar/Cocktail Lounge
- Beach
- Bicycle Trails
- Boat Marina/ Launching
- Casino Gambling
- Clubhouse
- Day Spa
- Entertainment (Live)
- Exercise Room (Equipped)
- Fishing
- Golf
- Grocery or Convenience Store
- Horseback Riding
- Lake
- Playground
- Racquetball
- Restaurant
- Sailing/Rentals
- Sauna or Steam Room
- Scuba Diving
- Skating (Ice)
- Skiing (Cross-Country)
- Skiing (Downhill)
- Swimming Pool (Indoors)
- Swimming Pool (Outdoors)
- Tennis
- Waterskiing
- Whirlpool Spa or Hot Tub
- Air Conditioning (In Units)
- Cooking Facilities (In Units)
- DVD (In Units)
- Fireplace (In Units)
- Laundry Facilities
- Pets Allowed
- Lock-Off
- Wheelchair Accessible
- Wi-Fi
- 00 Travel Demand Index Chart Number

- 🟦 On-site
- 🟩 Nearby
- 🟪 Unit Type and Occupancy

⊕ This symbol is shown for all-inclusive properties that require the purchase of a meal plan payable to the resort.

Number of guests unit can accommodate privately → 4 1 4 ← Maximum number of guests
↑
Number of bedrooms

- 2 H 2 Hotel Room (Usually no cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy
- 2 e 2 Efficiency/Studio (Usually with cooking facilities) Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy
- 2 1 4 One Bedroom Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy
- 4 2 6 Two Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy
- 6 3 8 Three Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy
- 8 4 12 Four Bedrooms Private sleeping capacity/maximum occupancy

EXCHANGE/AMENITIES AVAILABILITY

Many new member resorts have a limited number of vacation units available to the exchange system. Resorts shown as "Under construction or renovation" are currently in various stages of construction, or are in the process of making improvements in accommodations or facilities. No amenities symbols are shown for these resorts.

Usage fees may be imposed by some resorts. Certain amenities, facilities, and activities may not be available at all times of the year.

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Every effort was made to ensure the accuracy of photograph identification, resort descriptions, and resort amenities symbols. Interval International expressly disclaims any liability in the event of error.

## Florida, Orlando

### Disney's Old Key West Resort | DVO

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Set amid sprawling grounds of palm trees, manicured fairways, and shimmering waterways, Disney's Old Key West Resort is reminiscent of the Florida Keys' Caribbean-style residences and guesthouses. Each cluster of buildings has a private pool, and accommodations are airy studios with kitchenettes, or spacious multi-bedroom villas with fully equipped kitchens, some with private balconies that open to golf course, landscape, or water views. Amenities on-site include a marina, fitness center, restaurant, bar, general store, community hall, and the main pool at the Hospitality Area, which features a giant sandcastle-shaped waterslide.

1510 North Cove Road
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-827-7700
disneyvacationclub.disney.go.com

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Orlando/MCO
20M/32K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## Florida, Vero/Treasure Coast

### Disney's Vero Beach Resort | DVB

Vero Beach, Florida

Disney's Vero Beach Resort is an elegant, old-fashioned hideaway located on Florida's Treasure Coast. Guests enjoy spacious residential-style accommodations that provide the comforts of home and an idyllic beach practically at their doorstep. Some of the units have fully equipped kitchens. On-site amenities include a spa, barbecue grills, and complimentary Wi-Fi access. Nearby are top Florida golf courses, a wide variety of shopping — from boutiques to outlet stores — miles of unspoiled beaches, state parks, a botanical garden, and the Indian River Lagoon, which is home to an unusual mix of flora and fauna.

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Vero Beach, FL 32963
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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Melbourne/MLB
38M/61K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## Hawai‘i, O‘ahu

### Aulani, Disney Vacation Club Villas | ADJ

Kapolei, O‘ahu, Hawai‘i

Aulani, Disney Vacation Club Villas combines the wonder of Disney with the beauty of Hawai‘i in one legendary vacation destination. The resort is situated on the beaches of Ko Olina, on the western leeward side of O‘ahu. Accommodations are modern suites and villas with spacious interiors and homelike amenities, including living and dining areas, a washer/dryer, and Wi-Fi, and some have fully equipped kitchens. Among the exciting activities to explore are sunrise yoga, numerous water sports, spa treatments and a hydrotherapy garden, live entertainment, and golf at the nearby Ko Olina Golf Club's 18-hole championship course.

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Honolulu/HNL
17M/27K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

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## Florida, Orlando

### Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa DSS

Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Disney's Saratoga Springs Resort & Spa is a 65-acre Victorian-style resort nestled between rolling greens and Lake Buena Vista. Accommodations are studios with kitchenettes, and one-bedroom suites and multibedroom villas with fully equipped kitchens and washer/dryers, all with a private porch or balcony. Amenities on-site include a spa, fitness center, pools, restaurant, bars, and barbecue pavilion. Go on a guided fishing tour on the waterways surrounding the property, or rent a bike and explore the expansive grounds. Motorcoach transportation to the theme parks and boat service to the Disney Springs venues are available.

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Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
407-827-1100
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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Orlando/MCO
20M/32K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## Colorado, Breckenridge

### The Ranahan | WRH

Breckenridge, Colorado

The Ranahan is located on 6 acres near the Blue River. The ranch-style accommodations feature native stone and timber construction. Each one-bedroom suite and two-bedroom villa offers a fully equipped kitchen, private balcony or patio, and fireplace. On-site amenities include an indoor/outdoor pool, hot tubs, indoor waterslide, and play area with splash pad, as well as a fitness center with Pelotons, bar and lounge with games, barbecue stations, and ski/bike valet that makes it convenient for guests to enjoy outdoor activities.

557 Stan Miller Drive
Breckenridge, CO 80424
970-771-1017
hyattvacationclub.com

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Denver/DEN
100M/161K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## Québec, Mont-Tremblant

### Château Morritt | CMZ

Mont-Tremblant, Québec

Château Morritt is located on the bank of Lake Moore, nestled in Québec's Laurentian Mountains. Accommodations are one- and two-bedroom condominiums. On-site amenities include a restaurant and bar. Guests are within walking distance of the shops and restaurants of the old village of Mont-Tremblant and a 5-minute drive from the Mont-Tremblant ski resort.

2151 Chemin du Village
Mont-Tremblant, Québec J8E 1K4
Canada
819-425-3380
chateaumorritt.com

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**

Montréal/YUL
88M/142K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

## Bahamas, Freeport

### Coral, Marlin, and Ocean at Taino Beach Resort | CJR, MTF & OTD

Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, Bahamas

Located on Grand Bahama Island, and surrounded by clear blue sea, white-powder beaches, and lush tropical landscaping, the resort offers privacy and charm. Besides the beautiful private beach, on-site there is a lagoon-style pool with a swim-up bar, waterslide, lazy river, and waterfalls and caves. When you have had enough sun and fun, enjoy a tropical drink at the poolside Grotto Bar. Whether you want a romantic escape, family fun, adventure, or just to get away from it all, it's all in reach at Taino Beach Resort.

7 Jolly Roger Drive
Freeport, Grand Bahama Island
Bahamas
242-350-2200
tainobeach.com

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**ACCOMMODATIONS**

**NEAREST AIRPORT**
Freeport/FPO
6M/10K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday, Sunday

## Mexico, Riviera Maya

### El Cid Ventus at Marina Spa & Beach Resort | VTS

Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo, Mexico

The resort features a dolphinarium and restaurants. Check out the beach, and go on a scuba diving or fishing excursion. Visit Xcaret and the Maya ruins. Receive US$250 in Resort Credits, and with prepayment of the all-inclusive fee, enjoy an exclusive check-in/checkout area; butler service; bottle of wine and fruit basket; in-room aromatherapy menu; beach palapa reservations; free club access (internet, newspapers, drinks, and snacks); and late checkout. Free transportation from the airport is included.

All-inclusive/meal-plan purchase is mandatory; it may be based on a 7-night stay and maximum occupancy.

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**
Cancún/CUN
11M/18K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**
Monday, Saturday,
Sunday

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## Mexico, Riviera Maya

### El Cid Marina Spa & Beach Resort CZR

Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo, Mexico

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Cancún/CUN
11M/18K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**
Monday, Saturday,
Sunday

## Mexico, Riviera Maya

### El Cid Ventus Ha' at Marina El Cid Spa & Beach Resort | VTH

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**
Cancún/CUN
11M/18K

**CHECK-IN DAY**
Saturday

## Mexico, Riviera Maya

### Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Riviera Maya by Karisma | NRM

Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Nickelodeon Hotels & Resorts Riviera Maya by Karisma is located between Puerto Morelos and Playa del Carmen. The suites are inspired by Nickelodeon characters and decorated with bright colors. The beachfront resort's Nickelodeon Place features Nick Bistro character breakfasts, the Kids Club, Plaza Orange entertainment venue, and Aqua Nick water park as well as a spa, fitness center, and pools.

All-inclusive/meal-plan purchase is mandatory; it may be based on a 7-night stay and maximum occupancy.

Km. 45, Carr. Cancún – Tulum
Cancún, Quintana Roo 77710
Mexico
984-6890600
karismahotels.com

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**NEAREST AIRPORT**
Cancún/CUN
18M/29K

**CHECK-IN DAYS**
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Saturday,
Sunday

## Brazil, Santa Catarina

### Surfland Garopaba Brasil | SFY

Garopaba, Santa Catarina, Brazil

Surfland Garopaba Brasil is located in the surf town of Garopaba, known for its laid-back ambiance. Accommodations are spacious one-bedroom units. The main on-site attraction is the Wavegarden Cove lagoon, which is ideal for surfing practice. The property also features swimming pools, tennis courts, a skate park, mountain biking, a climbing wall, spa, beauty salon, and restaurants. Guests may also enjoy the beach nearby.

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## Nashville, Tennessee

There's no better way to kick off a tour of Music City than by visiting the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. From stage costumes to instruments, this renowned institution is home to more than 2 million artifacts that capture and preserve Nashville's bountiful musical history. Quench your thirst by moseying over to the 6th & Peabody venue, where Ole Smoky Distillery and Yee-Haw Brewing Company reside. This SoBro (South of Broadway) spot offers live music, sports viewing parties, outdoor games, tacos, and hot chicken, in addition to eclectic and extensive drink menus.

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## #6
### Hawai'i

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## #5
### The Ship Itself

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## #1
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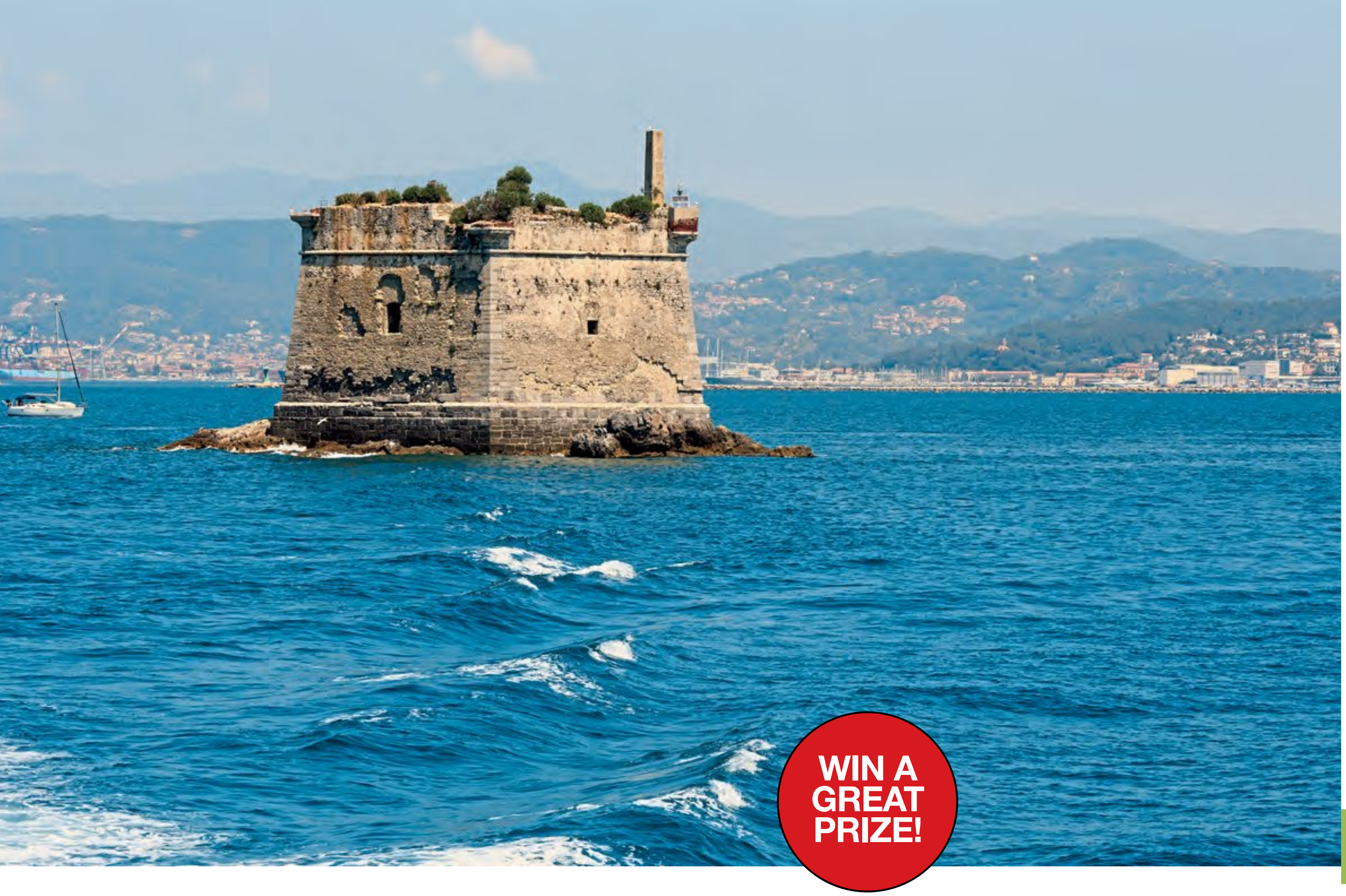

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